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AMHERST
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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
AMHERST, N. H.
for
THE YEAR ENDING
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Also
Officers of School District
For Year Ending June 30, 1948

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Harold H. Wilkins

Selectmen

Ralph C. Bills, 1 Year Donald H. Davis, 2 Years
Arthur L. Underwood, 3 Years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector

Hiram R. Elliott

Highway Agent

Guy H. Nelson

Constable

Harold L. Aldrich

Auditors

Orson S. Bragdon George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Check List

Hiram R. Elliott Ethel W. Emerson
Lilla M. Brown

Sexton of Cemeteries

Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards

Ashton L. Martin, Chief
Arthur L. Daniels, 1st Assistant
Frank F. Richardson, 2nd Assistant

Trustees of Trust Funds

Harold H. Wilkins, 1 Year Pauline M. Clark, 2 Years
Roy Davis, 3 Years

Library Trustees

Cleaveland Campbell, 1 Year Nelle L. Holmes, 1 Year
Lawrence L. Clark, 2 Years Bertha L. Piper, 2 Years
Mrs. George Huntington, 3 Years
Henry B. Mitchell, 3 Years

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber

Fred W. Hubbard

Health Officer

Dr. Oscar Burns

ZONING OFFICIALS

Administrative Official

Vernon Gray

Board of Adjustment

Norman F. Slayton
George A. Knight
Frederick W. Mosher
John C. Duff
Arthur L. Underwood

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsborough in said State qualified
to vote in Town affairs:

POLLS TO CLOSE AT 12 O'CLOCK

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall
in said Amherst on Tuesday, the eighth day of March
next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the
following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the
ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be neces-
sary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and
to make appropriations for the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to give the Select-
men and Town Treasurer authority to borrow money
in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the town will vote to give a discount
on taxes of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to August 1st.
5. To see if the town will vote to observe during
the month of August 1949 the fiftieth anniversary of
Old Home Week, and vote to raise and appropriate
money for same.
6. To see if the town will vote to install a street
light at the corner of Court House Road on the Man-
chester State Road Route 101.
7. To see if the town will vote to install a street
light on Middle Street in front of the Post Office.
8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-
priate \$200.00 for membership in the Souhegan Nurs-
ing Association.

9. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

10. To see if the town will vote to request the Tax Commission to make a complete re-appraisal of land and buildings within the town to equalize valuations in accordance with the law and to appropriate money for this purpose.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$979.15 for Town Road Aid. State to contribute \$3916.60.

12. To see if the town will vote to accept an extension of Hillside Ave. at Baboosic Lake starting at a point 600 feet from Broadway Street and thence continuing to a point in back of Guy Mirenda's cottage and vote to raise and appropriate money for same.

13. To see if the town will vote to accept a right of way at Baboosic Lake known as Norton Street.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to gravel and oil the Old Milford road.

15. To see what disposition should be made of the money received from the sale of the War Memorial Books.

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to install sanitary lavatory facilities in the Town Hall.

17. To see if the town will vote to close the back road from Eugene Adams' place towards the McAfee farm as far as the Amherst and Bedford town line subject to gates and bars.

18. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new road grader with or without snow removal attachments and vote to raise and appropriate money for same.

19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 to repair the bridge on the Joe English brook road.

20. To see if the town will vote to accept from the Lawrence Engine Co. the new 800 gallon tank fire truck and also the oil heating plant installed at the Fire Engine House.

21. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen or Fire Chief authority to sell the old 1927 Buick Fire Truck.

22. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen authority to sell the stoves that belong to the Town Hall.

23. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a fire alarm system at Chief Martin's home and vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$200.00.

24. To see if the town will vote to close that portion of a road passing through the property of Eleanor Wilkins, said road starting on Davis Lane and going through the above property towards Foundry Street.

25. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new angle blade snow plow which will be interchangeable with the A type blade now in use and vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00.

26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

RALPH C. BILLS,
DONALD H. DAVIS,
ARTHUR L. UNDERWOOD,
Selectmen of Amherst.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,767 89
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200 00
Town Hall	650 00
Town Clock	25 00
Insurance on Town Hall	250 00
Police Department	500 00
Fire Department	2,500 00
Town Aid	1,000 00
Health Department	50 00
Vital Statistics	100 00
Town Maintenance	7,000 00
Snow	7,350 00
Oiling	7,100 00
Highway General Expense and Grader Repairs	1,100 00
Library	1,090 00
Lights	1,507 86
Old Age Assistance	2,300 00
Memorial Day	150 00
Parks and Playgrounds	600 00
Cemeteries	800 00
Interest	150 00
Town Debt	1,500 00
Auto Permits	275 00
Spraying	100 00
Dumps	200 00
Soldiers' Aid	100 00
Legal Advice	300 00
County Tax	7,508 05
T. R. A.	973 64
Heating Fund	1,500 00
Basketball	300 00
Deficit on Kitchen	83 00
2 New Street Lights	45 00
Wright's Bridge	250 00
Summer Recreation	500 00
Honor Roll	40 00
Merrimack Valley Regional Association	100 00
Schools	29,660 00
Total Town and School Appropriations	----- \$80,875 44

AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town and School Appropriations		\$80,875 44
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$3795 71	
Railroad Tax	57 72	
Savings Bank Tax	159 68	
State Land Tax	20 31	
Motor Vehicle Fees	2576 89	
Rent of Town Hall	150 00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	515 00	
Total Revenues and Credits	-----	7,275 31

		\$73,600 13
Plus Overlay		1,136 14

		\$74,736 27
Less 694 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1388 00	
Bank Stock Tax	40 00	
	-----	1,428 00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes on		
Which Tax Rate is Figured on at		-----
\$100.00 Valuation, \$5.10		\$73,308 27

Comparative Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Budget

	Approp. 1948	Expended 1948	Overdraft	Credit	Unexpended Balance	Estimated Expenses 1949
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1767 89	\$ 1757 25			\$ 10 64	\$1845 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1200 00	1414 91	\$214 91			1400 00
Election and Registration	250 00	269 94	19 94			150 00
Auto Permit Fees	275 00	377 00	102 00			375 00
Town Hall	650 00	1039 68	389 68	\$220 00		1200 00
Special Approp., Town Hall Ins.	250 00	250 00				
Police Department	500 00	420 04			79 96	500 00
Fire Department	2500 00	2946 41	446 41	451 91		2300 00
Boatmen		23 50				
Dog Damage		52 05				
Spraying	100 00	100 00				100 00
Health Department	50 00	49 00			1 00	50 00
Vital Statistics	100 00	90 00			10 00	100 00
Heating Plant	1500 00	3029 44	529 44			
Street Lights	1507 86	1335 67			22 19	1500 00
Street Lights, 2 new	45 00				45 00	
Library	1090 00	1090 00				1000 00
Town Aid	1000 00	884 39			115 61	1000 00
Town Maintenance Roads	7000 00	7179 07	179 07	260 14		7000 00
Show	7350 00	6382 05		6 75	467 95	3500 00
Oiling	7100 00	7184 17	84 17			7000 00
General Exp. and Grader Repairs	1100 00	863 40			236 60	300 00

Town Dumps	200 00	179 70		21 30	300 00
Wright's Bridge	250 00	223 09		26 91	
T. R. A.	973 64	1058 22	84 58		
Memorial Day	150 00	114 42		35 58	125 00
Basketball	300 00	217 25		82 75	
Soldiers' Aid	100 00	26 20		73 80	50 00
Parks and Playgrounds	600 00	650 00	50 00		600 00
Summer Recreation	500 00	432 27		67 73	
Cemeteries	800 00	810 21	10 21		1000 00
Old Age Assistance	2300 00	1873 14		426 86	2000 00
Interest	150 00	238 04	138 04		200 00
Honor Roll	40 00	45 60	5 60		
Town Clerk	25 00	25 00			25 00
Legal Advice	300 00	290 00		10 00	50 00
Taxes Bought by Town		679 84			
Town Hall Kitchen	83 00			83 00	
Merrimack Valley Regional Assoc.	100 00	100 00			100 00
Town Debt	1500 00	1500 00			
Refund	9 12	9 12			
Grader Fund		525 00			
Trustees of Trust Funds		1500 00			
Tree Removal		60 00			
Purchase of Dump Land		50 00			
Temporary Loans		24000 00			
County Tax	7508 05	7508 05			7508 05
Schools	29,660 00	30743 73			
		\$110,196 85	\$2254 05	\$938 80	\$1816 82
					\$41,278 05

CAPITAL ASSETS

Town Hall and Land	\$14,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000 00
Library and Land	7,500 00
Furniture and Equipment	4,000 00
Fire House and Land	2,500 00
Equipment	6,743 41
Highway Department and Land	800 00
Equipment and Supplies	4,135 00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,000 00
Schools and Land	71,900 00
Equipment	7,000 00

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

	1947		1948	
Land & Buildings		\$1,278,876.00		\$1,347,735.00
Timber		53,285.00		50,715.00
Horses	64	7,335.00	46	5,520.00
Oxen	2	350.00	4	700.00
Cows	458	53,795.00	443	52,636.00
Neat Stock	38	3,125.00	41	3,525.00
Sheep	24	240.00	34	340.00
Hogs			25	500.00
Turkeys	40	120.00		
Hens	18240	22,876.75	17517	21,896.25
Water System		500.00		300.00
Portable Mills	3	1,300.00	3	1,600.00
Boats			1	250.00
Wood and Lumber		8,470.00		5,610.00
Gasoline Pumps		1,785.00		2,010.00
Stock in Trade		15,600.00		13,350.00
		\$1,447,657.75		\$1,506,687.25
Veterans' Exemptions		51,100.00		69,270.00
		\$1,396,557.75		\$1,437,417.25
Tax Rate per \$100		\$4.56		\$5.10
School Tax Rate		\$1.84		\$2.06

REPORT OF SELECTMEN**Town Officers' Salaries:**

Appropriation: \$1767.89

Expended:

Ralph C. Bills, selectman	\$330 62	
Donald H. Davis, selectman	330 62	
Arthur L. Underwood, selectman	330 62	
Hiram R. Elliott, tax collector	264 50	
Catherine A. Kruger, treasurer	198 35	
Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	165 35	
Horton S. Allen, clerk	33 06	
Pauline M. Clark, clerk		
of trust funds	66 13	
Orson H. Bragdon, auditor		
for 1946-47	38 00	
	-----	\$1757 25

Town Officers' Expenses:

Appropriation: \$1200.00

Expended:

Ralph C. Bills, use of car	\$ 55 00
Wilfred Boisclair, notices	30
H. R. Locke & Son, new light	115 24
Burnham & Davis, printing	2 00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	2 33
R. P. Childs Co., meat	
inspection stamp	1 83
H. S. Allen, clerical work	1 50
Souhegan National Bank, deposit box	5 00
A. L. Keyes Ins. Agency,	
bonds town officers	15 00
Roman Stanley, map frame	8 12
W. C. McCollough, labor	3 00
P. B. Holmes, bonds town officers	70 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies	25 52
Rotch Insurance Agency,	
bond for tax collector	50 00

Ass'n. N. H. Assessors, dues	2 00	
N. H. Tax Collectors Assoc., dues	2 00	
Branham Printing Co., auto reference book	4 50	
Catherine A. Kruger, supplies and clerical work	11 80	
Donat Corriveau, deed transfers	57 77	
Edson Eastman Co., supplies	23 97	
O. W. Carleton, moving safe	8 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	76 81	
Cabinet Press, printing town rep.	544 33	
Cabinet Press, printing and notices	100 78	
H. R. Elliott, use of car	50 00	
H. R. Elliott, clerical work	50 00	
H. R. Elliott, supplies and phone	73 89	
Vincent P. Brine	54 22	
	-----	\$1414 91

Election and Registration:

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:

Harold H. Wilkins, moderator	\$ 8 00	
Hiriam R. Elliott, supervisor	39 00	
Ethel W. Emerson, supervisor	39 00	
Lilla M. Brown, supervisor	39 00	
Albert Junkins, police officer	6 00	
Harold Aldrich, police officer	17 00	
H. R. Locke, ballot clerk	10 00	
Frank L. Pearson, ass't. clerk	7 00	
Carl Perrin, ass't. to voters	12 00	
Robert Hancock, ass't. to voters	5 00	
Dwight P. Brown, ass't. to voters	10 00	
Catherine Kruger, postage	2 64	
Dwight P. Brown, labor and supplies	12 80	
Hibbert Miles, ballot clerk	7 00	
Cabinet Press, printing	55 50	
	-----	\$269 94

Auto Permit Fees:

Appropriation: \$275.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, town clerk	\$291 50	
Horton S. Allen, town clerk	85 50	
	-----	\$377 00

Town Hall:

Appropriation: \$650.00

Expended:

Dwight P. Brown, janitor	\$207 80	
Draper Fuel Co., fuel	266 60	
A. L. Keyes Agency, insurance	75 00	
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance	100 00	
Public Service Co., lights	91 91	
John R. Martin Div., gas and repairs	78 64	
H. R. Locke & Sons, rewiring		
town hall	178 00	
Souhegan Grange, cleaning hall	25 00	
Frank Hartshorn Co., slabs	10 00	
William A. Hart, garbage removal	5 25	
Amherst Village I. G. A. Store,		
supplies	1 48	
	-----	\$1039 68

Special Appropriation Town Hall Insurance:

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:

Laurence E. Clark, insurance	\$125 00	
A. L. Keyes Agency, insurance	125 00	
	-----	\$250 00

Police Department:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, constable	\$332 40
Arthur L. Underwood, special officer	5 00
Lawrence Hubley, special officer	11 00
Harry Bontelle, special officer	14 00

Albert Junkins, constable	39 64	
Clark's Garage, equipment	18 00	
	-----	\$420 04

Fire Department:

Appropriation \$2500.00

Expended:

A. L. Martin, fire chief	\$ 25 00
A. L. Martin, forest fire warden	25 00
Arthur L. Daniels, 1st fire warden	15 00
Frank Richardson, 2nd fire warden	15 00
Walter Ryan, steward	75 00
A. L. Martin, fire hose	497 84
A. L. Martin, labor and supplies	55 92
Lawrence Engine Co., firemen's salaries	200 00
Amherst Village I. G. A., supplies	6 27
South St. Garage, repairs	5 94
Harold Dower, hose expander	14 00
The County Stores, Inc., supplies	27 45
George Lamoureaux, supplies	17 37
N. H. Forestry & Recreation Dept., tools	45 00
Fire Protection Co., masks	44 50
John R. Martin Div., supplies	25 66
Cornish Machine Works, labor	14 70
Lawrence Clark, insurance	8 75
Milford Public Works, hydrant rental	40 00
H. R. Locke, supplies	2 60
Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co., accident policy	150 00
American Fire Equipment Co., supplies	35 16
Richard Crocker, plowing snow	22 00
David Swain, plowing snow	27 00
Bob's Auto Service	3 55
Notch Insurance Co., insurance	207 96

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	71	31	
Public Service Co., lights	45	84	
Clark's Garage, labor and supplies	75	55	
Locke's Jenney Service, gasoline	21	51	
A. L. Martin, dump fires	16	52	
A. L. Martin, chimney fires	35	49	
A. L. Martin, forest fires	520	84	
A. L. Martin, house fires	350	06	
A. L. Martin, grass fires	17	89	
Milford Grain & Coal Co., coal	184	73	
	-----		\$2946 41

Bounties:

Expended:

Ralph C. Bills, paid for hedgehogs	\$ 6	50	
Donald H. Davis, pd. for hedgehogs	13	00	
Arthur. L. Underwood, paid for hedgehogs	4	00	
	-----		\$23 50

Dog Damage:

Expended:

The Phaneuf, dog tags	\$14	92	
Cole Printing, printing	17	13	
Albert Junkins, dog officer	1	00	
Walter Converse, damage to hens	5	00	
Harold L. Aldrich, dog officer	14	00	
	-----		\$52 05

Spraying:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:

The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Inc	\$100	00	
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Health Department:

Appropriation: \$50.00

Expended:

Oscar Burns, M. D.	\$44	00	
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Clifford Howland, M. D.	5 00	
	-----	\$49 00

Vital Statistics:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:

Horton S. Allen	\$11 00	
Dr. Oscar Burns	2 50	
Rev. Denton J. Neily	50	
Catherine A. Kruger	42 50	
Rev. William F. Rogers	50	
Rev. J. Wayne Haskell	1 00	
Arthur A. Trombley	25	
Rev. Maurice E. Barrett	50	
Rev. Earl A. Mack	50	
Dr. Norman M. Jackson	50	
Dr. Raymond P. Galloway	25	
Dr. S. Fraser	25	
Cole Printing Co., supplies	30 00	
	-----	\$90 00

Heating Plant:

Appropriation: \$1500.00

Expended:

Leitch Engineering Co.,		
installation	\$2660 00	
Roman Stanley, labor & supplies	227 75	
Ted Stanley, labor	27 00	
John R. Martin Div., blueprints	35 00	
W. H. Chase, supplies	49 69	
P. M. MacKay & Sons, Inc., supplies	28 00	
	-----	\$3029 44

Street Lights

Appropriation: \$1507.86

Expended:

Village lights	\$1073 87	
Baboosic lights	311 80	
	-----	\$1385 67

Library:

Appropriation: \$1090.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library	\$1090 00
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Town Aid:

Appropriation: \$1000.00

Expended for Adeline Grant:

Lamoureux I. G. A. Store	\$62 98	
Raymond A. Dyer	2 96	
	-----	\$65 94

For Angelina Wilson:

Roy D. Clark fuel	\$106 32	
Fred W. French groceries	289 13	
	-----	\$495 45

For Clarence Adams:

Draper Fuel Co., fuel	\$39 00
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For Kathlyn Hubley:

Daniel Webster, home for children	\$384 00
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Total Town Aids	\$884 39
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Basketball Special Appropriation:

Appropriation: \$300.00

Expended:

John R. Martin Div., supplies	\$ 2 60	
Philip Morris & Co., supplies	81 36	
The County Stores, Inc., supplies	15 77	
Roman Stanley, labor & supplies	20 93	
W. H. Chase Lumber Co., supplies	20 93	
	-----	\$217 25

Memorial Day:

Appropriation: \$150.00

Expended:

Larry Conti, band	\$85 00
Rev. Maurice E. Barrett, speaker	10 00
George R. Foster, ammunition	3 00
N. E. Decorating Co., flags	5 42

Henry Davis, wreaths	8 00	
	-----	\$114 42

Soldiers' Aid:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:

Hillsborough County Hospital		\$26 20
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Parks and Playgrounds:

Appropriation: \$600.00

Expended:

Clarence H. Hagar		\$650 00
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Legal Advice Expenses:

Appropriation: \$300.00

Expended:

Thomas Leonard, advice		
on zoning	\$220 00	
C. Bradley Frost, town counsel	70 00	
	-----	\$290 00

Taxes Bought by Town:

Expended:

Hiram R. Elliott, tax collector		\$679 84
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Cemeteries:

Appropriation: \$800.00

Expended:

Clarence H. Hagar, sexton		\$810 21
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Summer Recreation Special Appropriation:

Appropriation: \$500.00

Expended:

George L. Taylor, salary		
as supervisor	\$325 00	
Elizabeth Parker, salary as		
assistant supervisor	50 00	
Vincent P. Brine, supplies	4 00	
George L. Taylor, misc. expenses	4 50	
Donald H. Davis, supplies	7 40	

Isabel Smith, supplies	2	29	
Elmer Larson, supplies	3	49	
Williams' Store, supplies	7	13	
Philip Morris & Co., supplies	14	96	
Philip B. Holmes Insurance			
Agency, insurance	13	50	
	-----		\$432 27

Summer Maintenance:

Appropriation: \$7000.00

Expended:

Guy H. Nelson, road agent	\$7179	07
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Snow:

Appropriation: \$7350.00

Expended:

Guy H. Nelson, road agent	\$6882	05
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Oiling:

Appropriation: \$7100.00

Expended:

Guy H. Nelson road agent	\$7184	17
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General Expense and Grader Repairs:

Appropriation: \$1100.00

Expended:

Guy H. Nelson, road agent	\$624	13	
Philip B. Holmes, workman's			
compensation insurance	172	38	
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance			
on town barn and contents	30	00	
A. L. Keyes Agency, insurance			
on grader	36	89	
	-----		\$863 40

Town Dumps:

Appropriation: \$200.00

Expended:

Guy H. Nelson, road agent	\$179	70
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Wright's Bridge Special Appropriation:

Appropriation: \$250.00

Expended:

Guy H. Nelson, road agent	\$223 09
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T. R. A.

Appropriation: \$973.64

Expended:

Treas. State of N. H.	\$973 64	
Treas. State of N. H., overdraft	84 58	
	-----	\$1058 22

Interest:

Appropriation: \$150.00

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	\$265 54	
Guy C. Came	15 00	
Est. of Miss Elizabeth M. Proctor	7 50	
	-----	\$288 04

Honor Rolls:

Appropriation: \$40.00

Expended:

Merie Arnold, printing	\$45 60
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Town Clock:

Appropriation: \$25.00

Expended:

Dwight P. Brown, care of clock	\$25 00
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Refunds:

Expended:

Fay E. Andrews, refund on taxes	\$9 12
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Grader Fund:

Expended:

Town of Amherst to the Town Treas.	\$525 00
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Merrimack Valley Regional Association:

Appropriation: \$100.00

Expended:

Merrimack Valley Regional Assoc.	\$100 00
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Long Term Notes Town Debt:

Appropriation: \$1500.00

Expended:

Est. of Miss Elizabeth M. Proctor	\$ 500 00	
Guy C. Came	1000 00	
	-----	\$1500 00

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Expended:

Etta M. Merchant	\$200 00	
H. A. Twiss	200 00	
Miss Honora Spalding	250 00	
Sam Seaton Spalding	200 00	
Lloyd E. Cameron	100 00	
Mrs. Christopher Tenta	150 00	
Clarence L. Trow	150 00	
Miss Elvene E. Taylor	100 00	
Fred P. Laskey	150 00	
	-----	\$1500 00

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation: \$2300.00

Expended:

Treas. State of N. H.	\$1873 14
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Temporary Loans:

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank	\$24,000 00
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County Tax:

Appropriation: \$7508.05

Expended:

Treas. Hillsborough County	\$7508 05
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Tree Removal:

Expended:

F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co.	\$60 00
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Purchase of Dump Land:

Expended:

Richard Raymond for land	\$50 00
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School District:

Appropriation: \$29,660.00

Expended:

Amherst School District	\$30,743 73

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$110,196 85

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

DOG ACCOUNT

225 dog licenses from Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1948

Dr.

180 male and spayed female		
dogs at \$2.00 each	\$360	00
41 female dogs at \$5.00 each	205	00
2 dogs at short periods		
at \$1.00 each	2	00
2 kennels at \$12.00 each	24	00
	-----	\$591 00

Cr.

Amount paid Treas. during year	\$545	20
Commission for licensing dogs	45	80
	-----	\$591 00

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

18 (1947) Auto permits issued from		
Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 1948	\$	59 96
736 (1948) Auto permits issued		
from Jan.-Dec. 31, 1948	3857	77
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754		

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1948

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property	\$73,311 19	
Polls	1,388 00	
	-----	\$74,699 19

Added Taxes:

Property	\$371 40	
Polls	40 00	
Bank tax	45 40	
Interest collected	4 54	
Summons charges collected	18 80	
	-----	480 14

Total Debits		\$75,179 33
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Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer

Property	\$62,286 88	
Polls	1,130 00	
Interest	4 54	
Summons Charges	18 80	
	-----	\$63,440 22

Abatements:

Property	\$303 49	
Polls	80 00	
	-----	383 49

Uncollected taxes per Collector's list

Property	\$11,097 62	
Polls	258 00	
	-----	11,355 62

		\$75,179 33

LEVY OF 1947

Dr.

January 1, 1948:

To Uncollected Taxes:

Property \$9126 10

Polls 248 00

----- \$9374 10

To Added Taxes (Polls) 24 00

To Interest Collected 373 44

To Summons Charges Collected 21 40

\$9792 94

Cr.

By Remittance to Treasurer \$9674 66

By Abatements 38 00

By Uncollected Taxes per

Collector's List:

Property \$7628

Polls 4 00

----- 80 28

----- \$9792 94

ABATEMENTS

From Levy of 1947 \$ 38 00

From Levy of 1948 383 49

----- \$421 49

(Itemized list on file in Tax Office)

REDEEMED TAXES

To collected from Levy of 1944 \$ 12 00

To collected from Levy of 1945 84 49

To collected from Levy of 1946 143 19

To collected from Levy of 1947 241 46

----- \$481 14

To collected interest 18 53

\$499 67

ADDED TAXES AND INTEREST ACCOUNT

To collections added to Levy of 1947	\$ 24 00
To collections added to Levy of 1948	456 80
To interest collected on redeemed taxes	18 53
To interest collected on Levy of 1947	373 44
To interest collected on Levy of 1948	4 54
To summons charges collected on Levy of 1947	21 40
To summons charges collected on Levy of 1948	18 80
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	\$917 51

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of Dec. 31, 1948

Dr.	1947	1946	1945	1944
Taxes sold the Town	\$637 51			
Balance unredeemed Taxes				
Jan. 1, 1948		\$262 47	\$84 49	\$12 00
Interest collected	10	8 43	10 00	
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	\$637 61	\$270 90	\$94 49	\$12 00
Cr.				
Remittance to Treasurer	\$241 46	\$143 19	\$84 49	\$12 00
Remittance to Interest	10	8 43	10 00	
Unredeemed at close of year	396 05	119 28		
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	\$637 61	\$270 90	\$94 49	\$12 00

HIRAM R. ELLIOTT,
Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
For the Year Ending December 31, 1948

H. R. Elliott, Tax Collector	
1948 taxes	\$63,440 22
1947 taxes	9,674 66
Redeemed taxes and interest	499 67
Horton Allen, Town Clerk, Jan. 1	
to Feb. 29, 1948 incl.	
Auto permits	803 49
Dog license	80
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk, Mar. 1	
to Dec. 31, 1948 incl.	
Auto permits	3,114 24
Dog licenses	544 40
State Treasurer	
Forest Fires	87 39
R. R. Fires	120 70
Training 4 men—4 days	9 82
Loss of Taxes on Forest Lands	20 65
Building and Loan Tax	152 99
R. R. Tax	36 11
Interest and Dividends	3,796 10
Recovery O. A. A.	857 31
Bounties	35 50
Trustees of Trust Fund	
Fiske Highway Fund	38 22
Guy H. Nelson, Highway Agent	
Use of grader (\$138 for gas for grader)	663 00
Refund on Gas	44 92
B. & M. Refund on Snow Fence	6 75
Gravel	39 00
Gifts—Cemetery Fund	
A. Tenta	\$150 00

Lloyd E. Cameron	100 00	
Elvene E. Taylor	100 00	
C. Trow	150 00	
Alfred Spalding	200 00	
Honora Spalding	250 00	
H. W. Twiss	200 00	
Etta M. Merchant	200 00	
F. P. Laskey	150 00	
	-----	1500 00 •
Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	75 00	
Use of Greens	21 00	
Property Sold by Town		
Barrett Property	200 00	
Property Sold to Robert O'Neil	100 00	
Stove, Guy H. Nelson	20 00	
Stove, Tenney Clough	3 00	
Stove, Warren McCullough	9 00	
Vault Door, Malcolm D. Clark	10 00	
Selectmen		
Overpayment School Appropriation	2,500 00	
Pistol Permits	5 00	
District Court, Federal Roads	1 00	
"Special Heating Fund," Book #18179	1,000 00	
Refund, Philip Holmes, Policy #2211622	9 60	
A. L. Martin, Fire Chief		
Use of Fire Truck	26 00	
Donation Toward Fire Lanterns	2 25	
Souhegan National Bank		
Money Borrowed in Anticipation of Taxes	24,000 00	
Fiing Fees	6 00	
Town of Sharon, assisting forest fires	43 29	
Town of Temple, assisting forest fires	162 46	

Town of Mont Vernon, school tax	164 80
Town of New Boston, school tax	264 27
Town Hall Rent	
American Legion	10 00
Men's Club	75 00
Souhegan Grange	75 00
Stencil Class, C. A. Jones	20 00

Total Receipts	\$114,288 61
Plus balance on hand Jan. 1, 1948	7,278 82

Total	\$121,567 43
Paid out by order of Selectmen	110,196 85

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1949	\$ 11,370 58

SUMMARY

ASSETS

Due from State Treas., Bounties for 1948	\$ 23 50
Uncollected Taxes (poll and property) 1948	11,355 62
Taxes bought by Town, not yet redeemed	
1947	396 05
1946	119 28

Total	\$11,894 45
Plus balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1949	11,370 58

	\$23,265 03
Liabilities	11,493 15

Assets exceed Liabilities by	\$11,771 88

LIABILITIES

Amherst School District, balance app'n.	\$11,000 00
Amherst School District, balance dog tax	493 15

	\$11,493 15

GRADER FUND

Souhegan National Bank Book No. 17015

Jan. 1, 1948 Balance	\$1163 05	
June 25 Deposit	48 00	
August 20 Deposit	300 00	
December 27 Deposit	177 00	
Jan. 1, 1949 Interest to date	19 36	
Jan. 1, 1949 Total Amount	-----	\$1707 41

TOWN HALL HEATING FUND

Souhegan National Bank Book No. 18179

January 1, 1948, Balance	\$1000 00
June 25, 1948, Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1000 00

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT Guy H. Nelson

Appropriation	\$7000 00
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Credit:	
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Fiske Highway Fund	38 22
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	\$7038 22

Refunds:	
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Motor Vehicle Dept., gas tax	\$ 44 92
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Guy H. Nelson, sale of gravel	39 00
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Grader expense	138 00
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Guy H. Nelson, foreman	\$749 35
William E. Bedders, shovel	170 10
A. C. Elliott, shovel	50 00
A. C. Elliott, truck	15 00
Joseph Fay, Jr., shovel	216 00
William A. Hart, truck	382 85
Joseph Fay, Jr., truck	44 20
Richard Ramig, truck	83 70
Freeman Porter, truck	57 50
Robert Lang, truck	71 30
A. Hendrickson, truck	71 30
Ernest Wheeler, truck	116 30
Fred Tuttle, truck	22 50
Guy H. Nelson, truck	895 30
Theodore Underwood, truck	9 30
Oliver Merrill, tractor	6 00
Guy H. Nelson, tractor	301 00
William E. Bedders, dozer service	279 50
Dennis Lorden, lumber	29 68
O. F. Winslow, gravel	59 10
George Blood, gravel	29 60
Elliott & Willard, gravel	15 00
Robert Gerard, gas	4 20
County Stores, supplies	2 64
Milford Coal & Grain, culvert pipe	116 13

Hume Pipe Inc., culvert pipe	138 11
Rossi Bros., curbing	17 00
R. C. Hazelton, grader blades	43 75
Ray Road Equipment, supplies	20 93
D. Dunklee, wrecker service	10 00
Clark's Garage, gas, etc.	329 65
Francis Joyce, gravel	117 50
Frank Bills, labor	706 60
Guy Bills, labor	127 50
David Young, grader operator	816 05
John Young, grader operator	22 50
Joseph Gouett, labor	19 20
Charles Hall, labor	509 95
Roland Goodwin, labor	487 90
Charles Hanson, labor	2 13
George Parker, labor	10 20
Robert Malone, labor	2 55
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	\$7179 07

SNOW

Appropriation:	\$7350 00
Refund:	
Boston & Maine	6 75
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	\$7356 75

Guy H. Nelson, forman	\$ 401 20
Oliver Merrill, truck	952 00
Theodore Underwood, truck	820 70
Richard Weston, truck	32 50
William A. Hart, truck	1071 85
Guy H. Nelson, truck	963 60
Fred Willard, tractor	27 00
Milford Public Works, tractor	140 00
Oliver Merrill, tractor	39 00
Guy Nelson, tractor	147 00
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts and labor	386 30
John R. Martin Co., tin	5 52

Jim Brown Stores, snow fence posts	104 98
Ernest Gagnon, iron and bolts	30 55
Larry Gendron, welding	143 00
Fred Willard, plank	3 50
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand	21 30
American Express, charges on fence	12 20
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, road salt	107 00
Ray Road Equipment, supplies	27 85
Milford Public Works, plowing	108 00
County Stores, Inc., supplies	3 35
Frank Philbrick, tractor	30 00
Town of Bedford, grader	40 00
Milford Machine Works, parts and labor	19 22
Brown & Saltmarsh Co., supplies	5 18
Frank Bills, labor	266 70
Robert Weston, labor	11 90
Roland Goodale, labor	2 55
Roger Weston, labor	11 05
Lawrence Nichols, labor	6 80
Roland Goodwin, labor	65 45
Arthur Underwood, labor	187 60
Dewey Smith, Jr., labor	227 20
Charles Hall, labor	319 60
Guy Bills, labor	47 60
Joseph Gouett, labor	32 00
Richard Crocker, labor	13 60
William Long, labor	3 20
Stacy Murray, labor	3 20
Charles Hanson, labor	13 60
Alvin Hanson, labor	4 25
John Bowler, labor	11 90
Charles Stickney, labor	11 05
Allen Howard, labor	6 40
Lawrence Clark, labor	4 80
Willard Batchelder, labor	5 60
Charles Duval, labor	3 20

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OILING

Appropriation: \$7100 00

Guy H. Nelson, foreman	\$ 236 75
O. F. Winslow, cold patch	568 32
Trimount Bituminous Co., oil	4204 00
Koppers Co., Inc., oil	455 00
E. W. Systrom Co., sander parts	17 25
Security Fence Co., chain fence	12 96
Larry Gendron, welding	19 00
Roberts' Express, Inc., charges	1 24
William A. Hart, truck	300 70
Guy H. Nelson, truck	337 65
Robert Bragdon, tractor	162 00
Guy H. Nelson, tractor	16 00
Fred Willard, tractor	114 00
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand	53 50
Charles Hall, labor	198 15
Joseph Gouett, labor	21 75
Roland Goodwin, labor	145 35
Frank Bills, labor	90 95
William Long, labor	4 25
Harry Duval, labor	28 90
Robert Malone, labor	46 75
Guy Bills, labor	140 25
David Young, grader operator	9 45

 \$7184 17

TOWN DUMPS

Appropriation: \$200 00

Joseph Fay, Jr., dozer service	\$76 00
Arthur Todd, dozer service	31 50
William A. Hart, truck	24 80
Guy H. Nelson, truck	12 00
Harry Duval, labor	2 55
Harry Boutelle, labor	6 80
Joseph Gouett, labor	6 40

Charles Hall, labor	6 40
Guy H. Nelson, foreman	13 25
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	\$179 70

WRIGHT'S BRIDGE
Appropriation: \$250 00

Guy H. Nelson, foreman	\$ 11 55
Hume Pipe, Inc., culvert pipe	101 14
William E. Bedders, shovel	60 00
O. F. Winslow Co., gravel	5 40
Guy H. Nelson, truck	12 60
David Young, grader operator	9 45
Frank Bills, labor	7 65
Roland Goodwin, labor	7 65
Charles Hall, labor	7 65
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	\$223 09

GENERAL EXPENSES
Appropriation: \$1100 00
Grader Appropriation: 800 00

R. C. Hazelton, supplies	\$111 65
Larry Gendron, labor	30 00
Clark's Garage, tires and tubes	412 28
Donald Dunklee, wrecking service	15 00
American Express, charges	97
County Stores, supplies	6 48
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Amount Expended	\$576 38
Ray Road Equipment, supplies	21 50
Guy Nelson, toll calls, supplies	26 25
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	\$624 13

REPORT of the CHIEF of POLICE

Arrests	6
Held and released	5
Cases placed on file	2
Accidents	5
Motor Vehicle complaints	7
Missing persons	0
Disturbances	5 calls
Complaints investigated	41 calls
Warnings issued for motor vehicle complaints	16
Stolen goods	4 calls
Cattle running loose	4 calls
Lost animals	5 calls
Persons taken to Concord	2
Patrol duty, 4 officers, 73 hours	
Dances	36
Dog calls	18
Lost dogs returned	4
Assistance rendered out of town departments	11 cases

This department wishes to extend thanks for co-operation received from Sergeant Conti and Trooper McBain of the State Police.

HAROLD L. ALDRICH,
Police Chief.

SEXTON'S REPORT

No doubt some of you have noticed the weakness of the wood fence in the Old Cemetery. It has been repaired and repaired but has got to a stage where in order to paint and have it looking neat it will have to be replaced. If replaced, I think the town should vote whether to have a wooden fence or wire with iron posts.

The usual work was done in the cemeteries this past year. Owing to the very dry period in latter August and on through the fall, it saved the town appropriation quite a little on mowing, although we didn't have the beauty of the green as the earlier period. Some shrubs got a little burned but your Sexton tried to keep enough water on them to help them through. Also the Perpetuals of over \$200 were watered and they retained their color. Your Sexton used the 1948 appropriation the following way: Old Cemetery \$194.23; Cricket Corner \$77.50; Chestnut Hill \$18.00; Ponemah Cemetery (your Sexton doesn't like the name, Poor Farm) \$6.00 and Meadow View \$514.79 including the cost of painting the tomb and tablet at the Ponemah Cemetery.

I would like to remind the voters of evergreens in front of the Town Hall. As the building is connected with the Old Cemetery, your Sexton would like to see evergreens on the Selectmen's Room corner and front and Ivy on the entrance side of the Town Hall and the cemetery wall. Think this over and visualize how it would look, coming down from the center of town.

May I also suggest at this time that the Town replace trees where the Elms were cut down on the Soldiers' Green several years ago. The next generation might feel grateful that we did.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

TREASURER'S REPORT — AMHERST LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1948, cash on hand	\$ 245 32
Appropriation	1000 00
Special appropriation for insurance	90 00
From trust funds	215 00
Fines and miscellaneous	78 64

	\$1628 96

EXPENDITURES

Books and magazines	\$561 70
Salary, librarian	394 00
Lights	21 60
House grounds and upkeep	215 70
Rotch Insurance Agency, insurance	57 54
Philip B. Holmes, insurance	54 00
Laurence E. Clark, insurance	60 25
Fuel	133 16
Supplies	25 75
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1948	105 26

	\$1628 96

LAURENCE E. CLARK,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

Amherst, N. H., February 4, 1949.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your local organization to prevent and extinguish brush and woods fires is glad to report a good year of forest protection in 1948. In spite of danger conditions nearly equalling at times those of 1947 when great losses were suffered in New Hampshire and New England, fire damage and loss this year have been gratifyingly low.

With the continuing cooperation of all the people, we can hope to have another successful year in 1949. Let us remember that in any year, over 90% of all fires are caused by carelessness and that all of these man-caused fires are preventable.

Today, we have more slash and uncut grassland than for many years in the past. Smokers, campers and tourists who use our outdoors are also more numerous than ever before. We must therefore be ready for fires which might occur but, above all, prevention by everyone is the greatest need.

A few simple precautions taken by every citizen will help, as follows:

- (1) Always get a written permit from the warden before kindling a fire outdoors when the ground is not covered with snow.
- (2) If you smoke, always extinguish matches and tobacco before dropping or throwing them down. In automobiles, always use the ash trays.
- (3) Report fires and smokes to the warden without delay.

The observance of these and other simple rules will go far to insure safety from fire damage and your cooperation in this way is earnestly solicited.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
District Fire Chief.

1948 FIRE RECORD

Number of Fires	7
Acreage Burned	less than 4 acres
Number of Fire permits issued	58

Respectfully submitted,

ASHTON L. MARTIN,
Forest Fire Warden.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1948**

On hand January 1, 1948	\$ 803 25
Accrued interest Souhegan Sav. Bank	196 18
Accrued interest Nashua Trust Co.	6 57
Accrued interest Wilton Savings Bank	343 07
Accrued interest Manchester Sav. Bank	494 86
Total interest received in 1948	1459 30

	\$3303 23

RECAPITULATION

Balance on hand (checking account)	\$ 840 16
Accrued interest Souhegan Sav. Bank	229 24
Accrued interest Wilton Savings Bank	373 17
Accrued interest Manchester Sav. Bank	557 62
Total amount expended in 1948	1303 04

	\$3303 23

PAULINE M. CLARK,
HAROLD H. WILKINS,
ROY W. DAVIS.
Trustees of Trust Funds.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Clerk, Clerk of Trust Funds, Road Agent, Treasurer of Library and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

Amherst, N. H., February 4, 1949.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF AMHERST, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948.

Name of Fund	How Invested	Principal	Bal. Income Jan. 1, 1947	Income During Year	Expended	Balance on Hand
Amal. Cemetery No. 1	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 375 00				
Amal. Cemetery No. 2	U. S. Bonds	8,500 00				
Amal. Cemetery No. 3	U. S. Bonds	2,000 00				
	U. S. Bonds	3,000 00				
	Souhegan Bank Savings Dept.	1,035 00				
Amal. Cemetery No. 4	U. S. Bonds	5,000 00				
David Fiske Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	9,250 00	\$ 803 25	\$674 16	\$637 25	\$840 16
Parker Cemetery & Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	1,000 00		25 00	25 00	
	U. S. Bonds	1,000 00		25 00	(C) 10 00	
	U. S. Bonds				(L) 15 00	
Special Cemetery Fund	Souhegan Bank Savings Dept.	2,000 00	196 18	33 06		229 24
George Putnam Cemetery Fund	U. S. Bonds	1,000 00	343 07	30 10		373 17
Alice Wilkins Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	2,000 00	494 86	62 76		557 62
Fiske Highway Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	1,500 00		38 22	38 22	
Spalding School Fund	U. S. Bonds	8,500 00				
	U. S. Bonds	375 00				
Aaron Lawrence School Fund	N. H. Savings Bank	1,500 00		230 06	230 06	
Miss Lawrence School Fund	U. S. Bonds	500 00		37 50	37 50	
Nutt School Fund	U. S. Bonds	500 00		12 60	19 17	
French Library Fund	N. H. Savings Bank	5,000 00	6 57			
E. L. Clark Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	1,000 00		100 84	100 84	
George Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	500 00		25 00	25 00	
James Day Library Fund	U. S. Bonds	500 00		12 50	12 50	
	U. S. Bonds	500 00		12 50	12 50	
	U. S. Bonds	6,000 00		150 00	150 00	
		\$61,535 00	\$1843 93	\$1459 30	\$1303 04	\$2000 19

Received for care of cemetery lots from:
 Christopher Tenta \$150.00
 Lloyd Cameron 100.00
 Elvrene Taylor (Eaton) 100.00
 Clarence L. Trow 150.00
 Sam Seaton Spalding 200.00

Honora Spalding
 H. A. Twiss
 Etta M. Merchant
 F. P. Laskey

250.00
 200.00
 200.00
 150.00

 \$1500.00

PAULINE M. CLARK,
 Treasurer of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF THE AMHERST ROAD COMMISSION

February 10, 1949

To the Tax Payers and Citizens of Amherst. N. H.:

In submitting our second annual report, we are covering the operation of your highway department for the year 1948, and also the suggested action and appropriations for the year 1949.

During the year 1946, a group of taxpayers recognized the inevitable need for the expansion of your school facilities, and the need for a road program that would stabilize the operation and appropriations to meet the needs of the changed economy and personnel. As a means of achieving this desired result, a long range program, of six years duration, was devised jointly by your selectmen, road agent and road commission.

This program called for the following requirements:

1. Construction each year of hard surface main roads which would collect and distribute traffic to feeder roads, provide rapid access for fire equipment, and safety for school buses.
2. Allocation of these roads in a just and equitable manner.
3. Improvement of the feeder roads.
4. Necessary current maintenance based on seasonal requirements, as gravel, culverts, brush and grading.
5. Establishment of an adequate system of accounting that would reflect the exact costs of maintenance and construction, and would be a part of the town's permanent records.
6. Proper consideration of possible income from taxable inventories, for highway allocation.
7. Appropriations within the limits of yearly budget allocations.

In explanation of the 1948 contribution to this program, we offer the following details.

The year 1948 began with the town encased in a heavy blanket of snow. The cost of this item to March 1, including the 1947 deficit, was \$7350.00. The snow was followed by a wet spring which brought an abnormal growth of brush, and a lot of mud, with consequent gravelling and considerable grading.

This was followed by the driest summer in forty years, and added to the difficulties experienced in the timely and economical operation of the department.

However, all of the 1948 projects of construction were completed, except that at the southern foot of Christian Hill. This one will be completed in 1949. Each of these projects involved the widening and straightening of the old road base; but it gives safer travel and a better chance for snow removal.

The yearly losses, due to the washing off of the gravel surface of the steep hilly sections, have been arrested to the highest degree possible.

Oiling of the old hard-surfaced roads in amounts most needed, also the re-oiling of roads constructed during 1947, were completed. A new type of asphalt, costing less, was applied. This resulted in a heavier coating of sand and a harder surface.

Approximately 50 miles of brush conditions were given attention. Cutting was done both by hand and by machine.

Several culverts were either rebuilt or put into serviceable condition.

The new bridge on the Charles Wright road was completed.

Gravelling on special locations required an expenditure of \$1677.61. Distribution was as follows:

Road	Distance
Foss-Allen	.2 miles
Hubbard	.6

Shell-Upham	.5
Dewey Smith	.3
Locke	.1
Chestnut Hill	.1
Lower Christian Hill	.3
Raymond-Baboosic	.2
	2.3 miles

The old grader was put into serviceable condition, and new tires were installed at a total cost of \$576.38. This machine was loaned to the State and earned a net amount of \$525.00 which was added to the grader fund held by the Souhegan Bank.

The carryover on account of snow removal and sanding after March 1, 1948 was approximately \$560. By enactment of the policy of paying snow accumulated costs from March 1 in one year to March 1 of the succeeding year, the appropriation needed each year is self-adjusting.

We have received numerous inquiries as to how the maintenance appropriation of \$7000.00 was spent, and if it would not be possible to reduce this amount.

We list below the different items and the explanation therefor:

1. Gravelling (feeder roads)	\$1677.61
2. General maintenance	2718.66
3. Culverts	393.48
4. Brush cutting and removal	2059.57
5. Oil, gasoline and small repairs for grader	329.65

	\$7178.97

Explanations

1. For the past two years, on account of the long range program, the appropriation of \$7000.00 has been divided into two parts, \$5500.00 for general maintenance and \$1500.00 for special gravelling of the long range program feeder roads.

2. This covers labor charges for grading, gravelling, mud requirements, shovel and bulldozer hire, and numerous smaller expenses not chargeable to the regular services listed above.

3. Rebuilding and cleaning out culverts.

4. Cutting brush by hand and machine, and removal.

5. As listed above.

There are credits to the general maintenance account for services rendered to individuals. The high cost of brush cutting and removal can be reduced by starting the operation at a time when the size of the bush at cutting height is not over one-half inch in diameter. Hand labor and most removal will thereby be eliminated.

The cost of hourly wages, as well as bulldozer and power shovel hire advanced this year. One dollar today does the same amount of service as fifty cents did ten years ago.

Program for the Year 1949

1949 begins the third year of the long range program. The basic requirements of this program, and conditions beyond the town's control, still exist. As a consequence, we believe the principles, methods of operation and financing should be continued.

In detail the procedure would be as follows:

Continue the timely and proper maintenance of the road system by appropriating	\$5500.00
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Continue the improvement of the feeder roads by appropriating	\$1500.00
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Continue the construction of the hard surfaced main roads in such mileage as the T. R. A. funds will permit, and in accord with the long range program.

Continue the town's contribution of approxi-

mately \$975.00 to the T. R. A fund on the \$4 to \$1 basis \$975.00

Continue the scheduling of these remaining hard surfaced main roads in the hands of your selectmen, road agent and state highway department.

Continue the policy already in force of oiling the hard surfaced roads on a three year basis, by appropriating \$7000.00

This will include Mont Vernon Road, Camp Judea Road, Roby to Smith Road, most of the village roads, including Court House Lane and Sunset Road.

Continue the policy already in force of adjusting the cost of snow removal from March 1, 1948 to March 1, 1949, by appropriating the exact amount required.

We believe it is advisable as a means toward economy, for the town to purchase a snow plow blade, that would be interchangeable with the A blades on any of the trucks. Approximate cost \$500.00

Continue the policy of providing for erection and taking down of snow fences by appropriating \$600.00

Continue the practice regarding dumps by appropriating \$300.00

There is a need for repairs to a bridge on the Brook Road to make it safe for travel. Estimated cost \$300.00

We believe that it is advisable to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 this year, to safeguard the town against possible loss of present grader, due to breakdown. If repairs

are required any unspent balance should revert to the grader fund. If no repairs are needed, the whole amount should be added to the grader fund. We believe the selectmen should be empowered to use the amount held in the grader fund as payment toward the cost of a new grader, should such need arise.

We cannot express too strongly that it is advisable for the town to accept state T. R. A. aid on the \$1 to \$1 basis, instead of on the \$4 to \$1 whenever possible. The difference in cost is compensated by the cost of maintenance, oiling and snow removal over a period of ten to twelve years.

When the long range program of hard surfaced roads is completed the town will have approximately thirty-five miles of this type, in addition to those maintained by the state. Your total road system, exclusive of state maintained roads, is approximately sixty-five miles.

The yearly oiling upkeep cost of thirty-five miles on a three or four year basis would call for a yearly appropriation of \$7000.00 at present prices of labor, trucks and oil. This is a reduction of \$100.00 from the amount appropriated last year.

It is our belief, based on actual facts, that with the completion of the remaining hard surfaced main roads contained in the long range program, that the additions to this type of road will be dependent upon the **increase of taxable inventory**. We believe it should be kept in mind by everyone, that while the highways and their condition is so vital to the welfare and safety of the town's people, public, and possible new residents, the item of cost must be kept within the amount of funds that can be allocated for its use. At the same time, your highway system must be kept in line with present and future requirements, by giving due con-

sideration to the necessary machinery and supervision to implement and continue operations in an economical manner, and within the limits of the town to pay.

We believe the 1948 operations were discharged in a most creditable manner.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD H. WILKINS, JR.,

RAYMOND E. STIMSON,

RICHARD W. WESTON,

Road Commissioners.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Amherst, New Hampshire:

I herewith submit my report as Health Officer for the year ending January 1, 1949.

It is gratifying to have the cooperation of your board and the allied departments in trying to carry through the demands of public health laws.

Following the unanimous approval of an article which I requested to be in the warrant last year, a great improvement has been made in the slaughtering equipment, preparation of foods for the locker plant and for personal consumption. You now have a good clean building, well equipped, and approved by the State Board of Health. Infectious and contagious diseases have been fewer in number for the reason that cooperation by parents, teachers, and the general public has been exceptionally good. Early reporting of diseases and proper care given to the case have proved of great value. There are, however, two sections of town showing definite and flagrant violations of public health laws.

This department called together the heads of the Fire Department, a member of the Board of Selectmen, the Chief of Police, the head of school transportation, and one or more citizens to investigate and inspect for himself the properties known as the "Squatters' Camps" on Swamp Road. The head of each department readily admitted that a direct violation of his responsibility did exist and should be properly cared for. This investigation was made following complaint. The only change to date is that three of the children have been placed in homes by the Children's Aid Department of the State.

The other section which has been inspected and condemned still remains unchanged, and, at present, is far below the level of human belief. Following the

expenditure of time and money on the part of the Board of Selectmen, a temporary improvement was made. A recent inspection shows a slight improvement since the first complaint in 1943, but leaves much to be desired. All methods of correction have failed over a period from 1943 to date. The numerous laws covering this type of case have no teeth for enforcement.

Dumping along the highway of tin cans, rubbish, and old auto parts is not only unsightly, but is listed as a public nuisance.

It is my opinion that some method should be devised to prevent a repetition of these conditions. Amending your zoning laws could do this.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR BURNS, M. D.

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Mr. Donald N. Swain, Chairman	1950
Mrs. Cevie Weston, Secretary	1949
Mr. Otto Neugebauer	1951
Harold C. Bowley,	Superintendent of Schools
Rexford Avery	Headmaster of High School
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Treasurer
	Moderator
Oscar Burns, M. D.	School Physician
Mrs. Florence Dyson, R. N.	School Nurse
Otto Neugebauer	Truant Officer
Mrs. Catherine Kruger	Clerk

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1948-1949

Begin	Close
September 8, 1948	December 22, 1948
January 3, 1949	February 18, 1949
February 28, 1949	April 22, 1949
May 2, 1949	June—to be determined
(Holidays: Nov. 11, 25, 26, 1948; May 30, 1949)	

SUGGESTED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1949-50

Begin	Close
September 7, 1949	December 21, 1949
January 3, 1950	February 17, 1950
February 27, 1950	April 21, 1950
May 1, 1950	Approximately June 15
(Holidays: Nov. 11, 24, 25, 1949; May 30, 1950)	

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 4th day of March 1949, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for insurance on school property.
10. To see how much money the district will raise

and appropriate for special repairs and alterations of school property and for new equipment.

11. To see if the District of Amherst will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 the proportionate share of the expense to make a professional survey and preliminary plans for a Cooperative School. In case the Cooperative School effort is found to be not feasible, the money may be spent by the School Board for the study of an alternate school expansion plan.

12. In case the above article is not passed, to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be used for professional service in drawing up a school expansion plan.

13. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 16th day of February, 1949.

DONALD N. SWAIN,
CEVIE M. WESTON,
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
School Board.

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR—1949-1950

	Working Budget 1948-1949	Proposed Budget 1949-1950
Administration:		
1. Salaries of district officers	\$ 287 00	\$ 287 00*
2. Superintendent's salary (local share)	510 00	510 00*
3. Tax for state wide supervision	432 00	496 00*
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	460 00	485 00*
5. Supplies and adm. expenses	200 00	200 00*
	\$ 1,939 00	\$ 1,987 00
Instruction:		
6. Salaries of teacher and principals	\$26,000 00	\$28,150 00
7. Books and other instructional aids	700 00	800 00
8. Scholars' supplies	600 00	700 00
10. Other instructional expenses	325 00	425 00
	27,625 00	30,075 00
Operation of School Plants:		
11. Salaries of janitors	\$1,200 00	\$1,500 00
12. Fuel or heat	350 00	1,000 00
13. Water, light, supplies and expenses	300 00	375 00
	2,350 00	2,875 00
Maintenance of School Plant:		
14. Repairs and replacements	\$750 00	\$750 00
Auxiliary Activities:		
15. Health supervision	\$ 375 00	\$ 375 00
16. Transportation	3,500 00	4,500 00
18. Special activities and special funds	300 00	300 00
	4,175 00	5,175 00
Fixed Charges:		
19. Retirement	\$635 00	\$1,187 90*

20. Insurance Treasurer's Bonds and exp.	725 00	1,360 00	482 00**	1,669 90
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and improvements to bldgs.	\$1,400 00			
23. New equipment	600 00		\$600 00**	600 00
Debt, Interest and Other Charges:				
27. Cooperative School Study	\$150 00		\$ 500 00**	
28. Lighting	0 00		1,050 00**	
29. Revamping toilet facilities	0 00		4,200 00**	
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		150 00		5,750 00
		\$40,349 00		\$48,872 90

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICTS:

Balance	\$ 228 02	\$ 500 00	
State Aid	9,260 97	9,200 00	
Dog tax	200 00	200 00	
Income from trust funds	300 00	300 00	
High School tuition	450 00	400 00	
Elementary School tuition	450 00	500 00	
			11,100 00
Appropriation March 1948	\$10,888 99		
	29,660 00		
Total available	\$40,548 99		
		Appropriation needed March 1949	\$37,772 90

* Statutory requirements
 **Special articles in Warrant

NOTE: Numbers at the left agree with forms approved by the State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use that column.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST
SCHOOL BOARD**
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948)

Total Reciepts	\$37,338 30
Total Payments	37,110 28
Cash balance June 30, 1948	<u>\$ 228 02</u>

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 424 21
State Aid:	
Equalization fund	9,260 97
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Appropriation	25,736 00
From Sources Other Than Taxation:	
Dog licenses	\$347 73
Elementary school tuitions	696 05
Secondary school tuition	315 00
Income from local trust funds	378 38
Other receipts	69 78
	----- 1,806 94
Total Receipts from all sources	<u>\$37,228 12</u>
Cash on hand July 1, 1947	<u>110 18</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,338 30

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from
all State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,

July 19, 1948.

Auditors.

REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948)

CATHERINE KRUGER, Treasurer,

In account with the School District of Amherst
Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 110 18
Board of Selectmen:	
Appropriations as of March 1947	25,736 00
Dog tax	347 73
Income from trust funds	378 38
From Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	424 21
From State:	
Equalization Fund	9,260 97
From Other Sources:	
Elementary School Tuition	696 05
Secondary School Tuition	315 00
Other Receipts	69 78
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	\$37,338 30

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Payments on order of School Board	\$37,110 28
Cash on hand June 30, 1948	228 02
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	\$37,338 30

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,

July 14, 1948.

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE(Required by the State Board of Education from
all State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,

GEORGE H. HOWARD,

July 19, 1948.

Auditors.

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF CLERK TO STATE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL BOARD
AND SELECTMEN**

**District Revenue Voted March 9, 1948 for School
Year 1947-1948**

Amounts appropriated for:	
Support of high school	\$11,990 00
Support of elementary schools	23,060 00
Salaries of district officers	287 00
Truant officer and school census	65 00
Superintendent's excess salary	476 00
\$2 per capita tax for supervision	482 00
Administration and retirement	985 00
Specials:	
Insurance	725 00
New equipment	600 00
Laboratory changes	1,200 00
Cooperative School Study	150 00
Amount of School Board's Budget	-----
and Specials	\$40,020 00
Less estimated income	10,360 00
Amount to be raised by taxation for	-----
budget and appropriations	\$29,660 00

CATHERINE KRUGER,
Clerk of School District.

March 12, 1948.

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Otto Neugebauer, school board	\$12 50	
Charles F. Prior, school board	37 50	
Donald Swain, school board	50 00	
Mrs. Cevie Weston, school board	50 00	
Mrs. Catherine Kruger, treasurer	50 00	
Mrs. Catherine Kruger, clerk	8 00	
Arnold Wight, moderator	4 00	
Horton S. Allen, moderator	4 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, auditor	2 00	
	-----	\$220 00

2. Superintendent's Salary Account:

Raymond A. Dyer, Treas. Union	
No. 40, acct. of H. C. Bowley	\$476 00

19. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita tax	\$416 00
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3. Expenses of Administration:

Raymond A. Dyer, Union expenses	\$200 00	
Other expenses	264 69	
	-----	\$464 69

4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Mrs. Cevie Weston, census		
enumerator	\$25	00
Donald N. Swain, truant		
officer (1½ year)	12	50
Arthur L. Underwood, truant		
officer (1½ year)	12	50
	-----	\$50 00

INSTRUCTION:

5. Teachers' Salaries:

Charlotte A. Boutelle	\$1850 00
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Francis Carroll	1300 00
Richard Grodin	2800 00
Barbara Guild	1900 00
Virginia Marshall	1810 00
Robert McDonough	745 55
Mary McGee	1850 00
Marie Moriarty	1991 96
Bertha Piper	1976 74
Miriam Roby	2044 00
Elsie Wheeler	308 75
Loraine Willard	1893 00
Barbara De Vittori	32 00
Ernando DeVittori	8 00
Pauline Fortier	8 00
Elma Kittredge	16 00
Marjorie Odell	88 00
Edith Osborne	101 50
Pauline Stinson	104 00
Flora White	306 00
Tax adjustment for 1946	11 00
	-----* \$21,144 50
*This amount includes deduction for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, \$103.65; Tax, \$2,090.40; and retirement, \$533.05.	

6. Textbooks:

Textbooks	\$513 05
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7. Scholars' Supplies:

Scholars' supplies	\$665 71
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Other Expenses of Administration:

Catherine Hammond, lipreading	\$160 00
Other expenses	121 00
	----- 281 00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

10. Janitors' Salaries

Thomas Crocker	\$ 85 80
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James Phelps	*1000 00	
	-----	\$1085 80

(*This amount includes \$25.20 deducted for Blue Cross and Blue Shield)

11. Fuel:

Fuel		\$1044 08
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12. Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

Water, light and janitor supplies		\$262 85
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13. Minor Repairs and Expenses:

H. C. Bowley, reimb. for		
for charges paid	\$2 84	
H. W. Carpenter, keys	1 50	
County Stores, Inc., supplies	1 77	
Richard Crocker, plowing out		
driveway	2 50	
Gault Plumbing & Heating, repairs	116 74	
Richard Grodin, expenses	4 97	
Clarence Hagar, sharpening mower	1 50	
J. L. Hammett, pipe hangers	17 94	
William A. Hart, labor	25 85	
Stanley Howard, labor	4 00	
H. R. Locke, labor	76 85	
Frank Martin, ash removal	22 50	
Mass. Gas and Elec. Supply Co.		
fixtures	204 10	
Harold McBride, repairs	88 00	
Warren McCullough, painting	73 00	
Guy Nelson, gravel	12 00	
Gust Peterson, repairs	16 65	
Frank Smalto, labor	4 80	
C. A. Spaulding, repairs	53 65	
David Swain, plowing	2 00	
Donald Swain, reimb. for		
charges paid	2 00	
Arvid Wilson, labor	4 00	
	-----	\$739 16

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

14. Health Supervision:

Salaries	\$175 00	
Supplies	12 92	
	-----	\$187 92

15. Transportation:

Malcolm D. Clark	\$3500 00
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18. Other Special Activities:

School lunches	\$543 34	
Other special activities	315 63	
	-----	\$858 97

FIXED CHARGES:

20. Insurance and Other Fixed Charges:

Insurance	\$227 58	
Retirement	311 21	
	-----	\$538 79

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

22. Improvements to Buildings:

C. A. Spaulding, exits, bulkhead	\$868 00
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23. New Equipment:

Beaudette and Company,	
Rex-o-graph	\$196 00
M. L. Curry Oil Co., ash cans	33 00
J. L. Hammett, chairs	77 12
Kenney Bros., Inc., chairs, desks	323 50
Liberty's Eastern Express, trans.	1 15
Milford Home Furnishings, shades	69 66
Rice Film Co., projector screen	39 00
Spaulding-Moss Co., magnigraph	12 20
Donald N. Swain, map	8 17

	\$759 80

OTHER CHARGES:

26. Payment of Bills from Previous Year:

Amherst T. E. A.	\$ 25 00
Malcolm D. Clark	500 00

Public Service Co. of N. H.	8 96	
	-----	\$533 96

27. Overpayment on Appropriation from Selectmen:	
Town Treasurer	\$2500 00

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$37,110 28
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**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESENT INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Clark School	\$14,000 00
Amherst High School	23,500 00
Annex	2,500 00
	----- \$40,000 00
Contents (all buildings)	5,000 00

Total Fire Insurance	\$45,000 00
General Liability Policy	\$10,000-\$50,000
Employees' Liability Policy	\$10,000-\$50,000
Power Plant and Hot Water Liability	\$20,000
Burglary Insurance, typewriters	\$1,000

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire (Commissioner's Report 1941) and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

DONALD SWAIN,
CEVIE WESTON,
OTTO NEUGEBAUER,
School Board.

Harold C. Bowley, Superintendent.

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ORSON H. BRADGON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

July 19, 1948.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Amherst:

I herewith present my tenth annual report, the thirtieth in the series. It not only consists of the statements immediately following, but many of the others, statistical and financial, which are combined in this School Report. I commend them to you as worthy of your careful reading and study.

1. The School Calendar

I desire to call attention to the school calendar printed elsewhere. Under a ruling of the State Board of Education, schools must be in session a full thirty-six weeks or 180 school days. Institute Days and Teachers' Convention are counted toward the 180 and up to five days more may be counted for approved workshop for teachers. All other days lost must be made up. Without workshop time counted, the normal school year must be 177 days of teaching.

During the course of a year, I hear many remarks about the early opening in September, too short a vacation at Christmas, the late closing in June, going to school on this rainy day and no holiday for Columbus Day. I am certain many of these questions would be answered if you took a calendar and, starting with Labor Day, marked off the school days possible to June 15th. This, considering the first paragraph above, allows but few days before the end of June to make up days lost.

2. Teachers

A. From the list of teachers printed in this report, please note the number of changes that have taken place this year. We have five new members on this year's staff.

Miss Loraine Willard transferred to another school

to be succeeded by Miss Una Dearborn from a North Hampton School. Mrs. Virginia Marshall did not desire to continue and Mrs. Edith Osborne of Milford was selected to succeed her. Mrs. Grace Lull of Hollis became the new teacher in Grade Six, a new position this year. Mr. Rexford Avery of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, was chosen from a group of candidates to become Headmaster in place of Mr. Grodin who transferred to Massachusetts. Miss Ruth Delaney became the new Commercial teacher instead of Miss Moriarty, who transferred to another school nearer her home. ..

So the teaching staff changes and the need for more teachers becomes greater.

B. Need I call your attention to the shortage of teachers, especially in the Elementary field? The situation grows worse with each added year and now is so acute that only about one-tenth of qualified candidates are available for grade school positions. The remaining nine-tenths must come from the ranks of the lesser qualified, from former teachers returning to help during the emergency, from re-training high school teachers, from closings and consolidations of schools and even from willing volunteer workers with little or no training beyond high school. This school department needs to know prospective candidates now, if all services are to be continued next year. You are asking for more and better schools. We would like to give them to you but personnel is not now available. Will you help?

For long-term planning, there should be one candidate going to a teacher training institution for every 120 pupils in your school system. These should be in the ratio of three candidates for elementary work to every one for secondary work.

C. Closely akin to the above is the subject of salaries. Some of our citizens point to the increase in salaries over the past few years as equal to and greater than

the cost-of-living increase. Others say teachers are not paid enough and their working conditions are poor, that they receive poor salaries and suffer unjust demands on the part of the public, that they have to be different from workers in other employment and have to have more training. To me, both groups are honest in their thinking, and are correct in part; however, that doesn't produce teachers when we need them. What should we pay? What can we afford?

The teaching profession has said that the minimum salary for a fully-qualified teacher should be at least \$2,400 per year. The maximum should be approximately twice that sum. Not a budget in this Union meets this minimum or the maximum.

3. Improvements

A. This year for the first time, there are six teachers for the first six grades. This advance made it necessary to revamp the old Laboratory Room into a classroom for Grade Six. Under the direction of Architect Simonds, a new sloping ceiling, new fluorescent lights, new white chalkboards and a new partition were installed in this room. Then it was completely redecorated, floors sanded and finished and new movable furniture installed. The result is a very attractive classroom. The results of this advance are very satisfactory and are being felt by better attainments in all lower grades.

New lighting has been added to the right rear room of the high school section and new chalkboard paint added to the left rear room. We are watching these improvements with a view to increasing them as they prove their efficiency.

For some time now, a portion of the available money has been used for redecorating. I hope this may be continued and some of it used on the Clark School basement room.

4. Appreciations

I am very grateful to the serious and honest thought the School Board has given to school problems. They have spent much extra time this year — what with added problems of extra enrollment, teacher shortage, new building plans, and the consolidated school district study.

I am very appreciative of the efforts of every teacher to improve the work of his pupils. The co-operation this year has been splendid, morale — good.

I would not forget the parents and pupils. This has been a busy and profitable year. Your interest has been keen and helpful.

Very Sincerely,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 1, 1949.

STATISTICS FOR 1947-48

Average number of half-days in session	350
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Girls 101; Boys 116	217
Enrollment by grades:	
I-24; II-31; III-23; IV-20; V-23; VI-15; VII-25;	
VIII-12; IX-15; X-8; XI-15; XII-6; Total	217
Average daily attendance in high school for year	39.31
Average daily attendance in elementary schools	
for year	154.04
Per cent of attendance in all schools for year	91.74
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	6
Number of visits made to schools by:	
School Board Members	24
Superintendent of Schools	182
Citizens	130
Number of School Board meetings held	14

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Two years: Thelma Lamb, Grade 7.

For School Year 1947-48: Grade 10—Charlotte Fowle; Grade 7—Leona Berwick, Thelma Lamb, Pauline Peters; Grade 6—Edith Bartlett, Sandra Piper.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—JUNE 1948

Doris H. Blakney	Beverly Ann Parker
Frances V. Fowle	Carl R. Perrin
Natalie A. Weston	

**PUPILS COMPLETING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
JUNE 1948**

Charles Arnold	Albert Kobs
Corinne Bartlett	Theresa LeBlond
Orson Bragdon	Larry MacDougall
Thomas Crocker	Robert Morris
Adrienne Goodale	Donna Nelson
Janet Howard	John Thomas
Dolores Kelley	Elizabeth Willard

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS

September 1948

Mrs. Cevie M. Weston, Enumerator

	AGES AS OF SEPT. 1, 1948	TOTAL NUMBER	BOYS	GIRLS	ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	ATTENDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS	EXCUSED BY SCHOOL BOARD
Less than 1 year		29	19	10			
1		35	18	17			
2		31	12	19			
3		29	15	14			
4		35	17	18			
5		32	18	14	2		
6		29	15	14	29		
7		19	7	12	19		
8		23	9	14	23		
9		26	15	11	26		
10		16	5	11	16		
11		24	11	13	23	1	
12		17	8	9	17		
13		15	7	8	15		
14		17	7	10	16		1
15		7	3	4	5	2	
		386	188	198	191	3	1

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1949

Grades 1-6							
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Grade I	31						31
Grade II		19					19
Grade III			32				32
Grade IV				23			23
Grade V					19		19
Grade VI						20	20
Grand Total	31	19	32	23	19	20	144
Boys	20	7	16	11	8	10	72
Girls	11	12	16	12	11	10	72

Grades	Grades 7-12						Total
	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Grade VII	19						19
Grade VIII		19					19
Grade IX			9				9
Grade X				8			8
Grade XI					10		10
Grade XII						15	15
Grand Total	19	19	9	8	10	15	80
Boys	8	6	2	3	6	10	35
Girls	11	13	7	5	4	5	45

TEACHER AND SUBJECT OR GRADE TAUGHT (1948-49)

	Experience	Total
	Here	Experience
Rexford Avery, Headmaster, Sociol.,		
Biol. Jr. High	1	5
Charlotte A. Boutelle, Grade 4	23	25
Francis Carroll, English, social subjects	2	2
Una Dearborn, Grade 2	1	7
Ruth Delaney, Commercial	1	1
Ethelyn Edwards, Music	1	25
Barbara Guild, Grade 1	2	2
Grace Lull, Grade 6	1	19
Mary McGee, Grade 3	4	9
Edith Osborne, Grade 5	1	3
Bertha Piper, Soc. St., Latin	40	40
Miriam Roby, Math., Science	4	11
Elsie Wheeler, Music	15	17

REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER

To the Superintendent of Schools, the members of the Amherst School Board, and the citizens of the Town of Amherst:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Amherst High and Junior High Schools. Registration figures as of January 15 are:

Grade 12	15
Grade 11	9
Grade 10	8
Grade 9	8
Grade 8	19
Grade 7	20

The total registration in the six grades is 79.

The old chemistry laboratory on the first floor of the high school was completely remodeled and now houses the sixth grade to the envy of the rest of the pupils. Unfortunately, however, laboratory facilities for the high school are no longer available.

Grades 4, 5, and 6 occupy the first floor of the high school building, while grades 7 through 12 occupy the second floor. The commercial department of the high school occupies the two rooms in the Annex. Plans are being considered, however, to use the smaller room for a central school library.

This year, as before, Amherst High School offers three courses of study: academic, commercial, and general. Subjects offered are:

Languages: English, French, and Latin; **Social Studies:** U. S. Constitutional History, Sociology, and Civics; **Mathematics:** General Mathematics, Algebra I, and Advanced Mathematics (algebra); **Science:** Biology; **Commercial:** Typing, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Economic Geography, and Office Practice. These courses together with those offered in alternate years cover subject matter generally offered in high schools

in the college preparatory, commercial, and general curricula. There are, however, two courses—Physics and Trigonometry—which should be added to strengthen our academic program. It is sufficient to say that Amherst High School offers no vocational courses whatsoever. On the other hand, it is a fact that your high school does give as good training in two of the three mentioned courses of study as almost any high school in the state.

Although we can do a great deal for those pupils training for college and commercial work, we can not do enough for those in between — those in the general course. Classroom work is essential for all students, but if we are to completely educate these boys and girls for life, we must expand our curriculum to include Home Economics and some Shop courses. At the present time we are not educating for the group—only for the few—and under the modern concept of secondary education Amherst High School is not doing a complete job.

The seventh grade curriculum is English, Mathematics, U. S. History to 1866, and Geography. The eighth grade curriculum is English, Mathematics, U. S. History from 1866 to the present, and General Science.

Choral music required of all grades from 7 to 12 is given once a week under the direction of Miss Edwards. This year Amherst High School will be represented at the State Music Festival at Concord. As usual a choral group will present several selections at the commencement exercises. A Physical Education program required of all fit pupils has been instituted whereby classes meet twice a week in the fall and spring, and once a week during the winter. This program is far from being adequate and much is left to be desired. Activities consist of intramural softball, volley ball, basketball, and touch football.

A good physical education program is a must in a

well-organized school. This year, for the first time, such a program can be carried on throughout the year because of the action of the citizens of Amherst in allowing the schools to use the Town Hall for sports activities for which privilege we are more than grateful. It must be understood that a good physical education and athletic program can do more for the student morale than any other single factor.

Social activities consist of the usual dances, roller skating parties, and suppers. Dramatics, missing for some time, will be resumed in March when the High School will present three one-act plays. Our athletic teams are doing well. The boys' basketball team under the direction of Mr. Carroll is currently in third place in the Southern N. H. Basketball League. The girls' team under the direction of Miss Delaney has more than surpassed our expectations and should finish with a better than average season. This spring the boys' baseball team will presumably be entered in the Southern N. H. Baseball League in which they won the championship last spring.

Regardless of the size of the school no one person is big enough to run it by himself. A headmaster and or principal to administer successfully must have the complete cooperation of all his teachers. This has been achieved here at Amherst and any improvement that may have been made this year came as a result of this cooperative effort. The teaching staff is doing its best to enable your children to obtain the best education possible under the prevailing conditions. Amherst is indeed fortunate that of the eleven teachers in the system ten have had previous experience. Such a ratio is rare today. I should like to draw your attention to the fact that three of the five teachers on the faculty of the high school possess their Master's Degree and a fourth teacher has almost completed the requirements for the degree. This is quite unusual, for the percen-

tage of those holding such a degree in the average high school is quite low.

All teachers are working under difficulties, the foremost of which are poor classroom facilities and lack of essential equipment. Inadequate lighting in the high school building is probably the greatest of these, but steps have been and will be taken to alleviate this problem. During the Christmas vacation fluorescent lights were installed in one of the high school rooms and another installation will be undertaken in the near future. Other new developments are being contemplated to better the lighting conditions in the classroom. Another unfortunate condition exists in the inadequate toilet facilities, poor both in size and sanitation. Here again plans are in the making to correct this situation.

Proper attention should be given to the Parent Teachers Association for its support of our school activities. It has donated money for Christmas parties, has purchased athletic equipment, and once again is operating the hot lunch program which is indeed a fine undertaking. The latest project of the PTA is a book drive in an attempt to build up a much needed central library for the Amherst Schools. Reference books of all types—biography, travel, science—are absolutely necessary for detailed study, and it is hoped that the foundation of such a library will be made through the active support of all townspeople to this book drive.

I wish to thank the members of the School Board, the Superintendent of Schools, the members of the faculty, and the citizens of Amherst for their spendid cooperation, guidance, and support.

Respectfully submitted,

REXFORD H. AVERY,
Headmaster.

Amherst, N. H., January 15, 1949.

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION, 1947-48

Oscar Burns, M. D., Examiner

Esther E. McCormick, R. N., School Nurse

The total number of children examined: 210

The following defects, treatments, and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment	Corrections
Underweight	2		
Defective Vision	21	17	14
Defective Hearing	19	5	3
Defective Teeth	77	77	77
Diseased Tonsils	14	3	3
Orthopedic	5		
Posture	7		
Enlarged Glands	4		

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases reported:

Chicken pox	3
Measles	60
Whooping Cough	10
Pediculosis	17
Skin Diseases	5

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Your School Board wishes to report to you on several matters that deal with the operation of the schools.

Insurance. In accord with your vote last March additional coverage was placed on the three school buildings. While this coverage, as below, is not as great as it might be, we feel you should instruct us if you wish further insurance. We also have Liability coverage over the boilers in the two schools, the teachers and students. The last two remove from the Town, the Selectmen and your School Board the final responsibility in case of adverse court decisions.

Building	Replacement val. in 1948	Insurable val. in 1948	Ins. Coverage	% of Cover- age to re- placement
High School	\$85,357	\$40,545	\$23,500	28%
Clark School	31,602	23,759	14,000	44%
Annex	7,875	3,820	2,500	32%
Contents of all buildings (95% coverage)	\$5,000.00.			

Future of Amherst Schools. Irrespective of the decision made in connection with the four suggested alternatives about the High School and/or Junior High School pupils, your School Board considers that the High School Building will be used to full capacity. If possible the Clark School will be held on a stand-by basis. Consequently we are asking funds in the budget to cover two non-reoccurring items covering Sanitation and Light.

I. Sanitation. About 150 children are now using the High School. The toilet facilities are inadequate, both as to floor space and equipment, to handle this sized group. We anticipate that more rather than fewer students will be using the High School in the future. We are asking your authorization to increase the size and numbers of facilities 50%. The extra space will be taken from the present 5th grade room. Since the

separation last year of the 5th and 6th grades, this room will permit the expansion without making the room smaller than standard.

2. Lighting. Last summer we altered the present 6th grade room by using a number of the modern ideas of schools. The new lights installed have highlighted the lack of adequate lighting in the remainder of the building. This we have and are altering by new lights placed in Miss Roby's and Miss Piper's rooms this year. The money for this has come from credit received from the dog taxes that are turned over to the schools and the fact that the dogs have done very little damage this last year. We urge you to see the difference that the lighting in these three rooms had made. Both students and teachers find them helpful—we believe to both health and eyesight. We now ask that you provide the funds to allow the installation of similar lights throughout the remainder of the school where they are urgently needed.

Equipment. Over the past three years we have been converting the old style and outmoded desk and chair equipment in the elementary grades. We have changed to modern type chairs and desks and are asking for the funds to equip one more room this year. This will leave two more rooms to be changed over in the next two years. We find some of the old equipment is probably 50 years old and some is even discard from other units in the union. As the future of grades 7 through 12 is not known we make no plans for these groups.

Transportation. Since the days of the old one room schools gave way to the centralized school, the elementary children have been transported to and from school if living beyond two miles. The High School group have not had transportation supplied up to the

present, but it is expected this will become a state law by the time school opens next September.

Our transportation has and still is done on a contract basis. Such arrangements have been usual all over the country. Since 1920 many of the States and School Districts have begun to own and to either operate or contract the operation of their District owned busses. In New Hampshire nine of the Districts have changed over to District owned equipment and have found with the savings on initial purchases, gasoline, tires, and other taxes as well as receiving license plates without charge that they can save quite a percentage each year. Our own costs have been going up due to the times, the mileage run and other factors. They may continue to increase and it may not be too far off when the District will have to consider owning its own equipment.

General Situation. This last year has had its full measure of conditions requiring attention and next year is likely to be as full. If any of you would like to help in the problems we shall be glad to hear from you so we may know where to turn for willing helpers. We do ask that you get better acquainted with the schools, and the teachers. The schools are the biggest investment in the town as regards the citizens of tomorrow, the funds it uses each year, and the staff that help to build your children to meet life. One way that you can help would be to join the Parent-Teachers Association and go to their meetings with a contribution of your help.

DONALD N. SWAIN, Chairman,
CEVIE M. WESTON,
OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
Amherst School Board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN LIBRARY

With the active co-operation of school teachers, we have been able to stimulate greater reading interest among the children of Amherst, as shown by the following circulation figures:

1947		1948	
Adult	5879	Adult	5820
Juvenile	2396	Juvenile	3482

These figures do not take into account the reading of library books deposited at the Clark School.

During the summer, a weekly story hour was started with a total attendance of 135. Volunteer storytellers were: Mrs. Slayton, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Bonney, Mrs. Burnside, Mrs. Neugebauer, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Holmes and Miss Donna Nelson.

Fines collected during the year amounted to \$59.36, and \$7.40 was received from sale of discarded books.

During the year 248 books were added and about the same number discarded. There are an estimated 10,000 volumes in the library.

The librarian attended a State Library Conference on children's books at Concord and a regional conference at Merrimack. Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Holmes, and Mr. Campbell also attended the latter conference, as representative of the Board of Trustees.

All the exterior woodwork of the library building was painted during the summer.

Library hours will continue to be:

Tuesday, 2:00 to 5:00

Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 and 6:30 to 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET MOSER,

Librarian.

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948.

DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	AGE OF GROOM	AGE OF BRIDE	NAME OF PARENTS	BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS	NAME, OFFICIAL STATION AND RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
Jan. 7, Milford	Allen Ralph Ferretti Joanne Ellen Green	Amherst	18	18	John R. Ferretti Alma A. Gattorna	Farmington, N. H. Boston, Mass.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
Jan. 21, Amherst	Martin William Esther May Hayward	Amherst	18	18	John C. Green Hazel M. Davis	Peterboro, N. H. Hancock, N. H.	Horton S. Allen Justice of Peace Amherst
Feb. 1, Mont Vernon	Frank Ashton Martin Cynthia Esther Jewett	Amherst	55 39	31	Martin VanBuren Agatha Horns Frank F. Richardson Lula M. Carroll Ashton L. Martin Mattie O. Deau Edwin Ous Jewett	Greenfield, N. H. Holland Bedford, N. H. Franklin, N. H. Quincy, Mass. Milford, N. H.	Maurice E. Barrett Clergyman Amherst
Feb. 2, Amherst	Joseph Merrill Francis Yvonne Lyda Vaillancourt	Amherst	19	50	John S. Francis Mary P. Prada Jos. Vaillancourt	Azore Island Provincetown, Mass. Canada	Horton S. Allen Justice of Peace Amherst
Mar. 22, Amherst	Harold Philip Jelley Rita Josephine A. Nadolny	Lowell, Mass. Westford, Mass.	47 27	27	Gloria Bishop Henry P. Jelley Elizabeth Kelley Jos. Nadolny	Canada New Hampshire Lowell, Mass. Poland	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of Peace Amherst
Apr. 8, Merrimack	Philip Joseph Currier June Claire Peterson	Westford, Mass. Amherst	23 19	23	Stella Paduch Ralph P. Currier Mary L. Hunt Lewis Sven Peterson	Lowell, Mass. Amherst So. Weymouth, Mass. Woods Hole, Mass.	Denton J. Nelly Clergyman Merrimack
Apr. 11, Amherst	Willbur Prescely Rice Claire Virginia Lucca	Merrimack Boston, Mass.	22 22	22	Alma Mae Hayward Prescely M. Rice Florence Barber	Boston, Mass. Piqua, Ohio Delaware, Ohio	Wm. F. Rogers Clergyman Amherst
Apr. 7, Nashua	Carlton P. Jones Edna M. Cleaves	Amherst	19 21	21	Elizabeth Gross Clifton P. Jones Gloria B. Norton Harold Cleaves Dorothy Malone	Roxbury, Mass. Gadsden, Ala. Cambridge, Mass. Nova Scotia	Arthur A. Tremblay Justice of Peace Nashua

Apr. 14, Amherst	John Joseph Christian	Oxford, Mass.	21	Thomas D. Christian	Oxford, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of Peace Amherst
May 3, Brattleboro, Vt.	Gladys May Brown	Oxford, Mass.	20	Theresa Mary Welch	Worcester, Mass.	Fred H. Miller Clergyman Brattleboro, Vt.
May 8, Milford	Donald Huckabee	Boston, Mass.	34	Alice May Bean	New Hampshire	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 12, Milford	George F. White	Amherst	26	Edwin Huckabee	Louisiana	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 22, Amherst	Philip Oren Smith	Amherst	20	Gladys Bonnie	Switzerland	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 22, Amherst	Glencie Sylvia Paananen	Milford	21	Robert Spillman	Medford, Wisconsin	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 22, Amherst	Sadie Camille Gillis	Amherst	59	H. C. Dewey Smith	Skimmers Eddy, Pa.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 22, Amherst	Harry Bennett	Amherst	27	Anna May Harvey	Weybridge, Vt.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 22, Amherst	June Priscilla Young	Amherst	19	Reino A. Paananen	Finland	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
May 22, Amherst	John Kostechka	Chelsea, Mass.	29	Hilda Rantila	Milford, Mass.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
June 12, Amherst	Ruth Harris	Chelsea, Mass.	19	Charles White	Powell, Maine	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
June 12, Amherst	Walter Raymond Saugale	Elmhurst, L. I.	40	Marcia Grant	P. E. Island	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
July 8, Amherst	Louise Augusta Varwig	Jackson Heights, L. I.	40	Duncan Gillis	P. E. Island	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
Aug. 14, Amherst	William J. Bonenfant	Lawrence, Mass.	23	Flora MacPherson	Waterbury, Conn.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
Aug. 17, Amherst	Barbara M. Furneaux	Lawrence, Mass.	23	Harry Bennett	Waterbury, Conn.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
Aug. 28, Milford	Phyllis Lucy Trombly	Milford	22	Alice LaVigne	Hillsbury, Conn.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford

Aug. 29, Peterboro	Cyril Hill	Peterboro, N. H.	23	Ernest Gray Elizabeth Jean Hill	Boston, Mass.	Algrie A. Holt Justice of Peace Peterboro
Sept. 3, Milford	Irene Rose Dion	Amherst	24	Alfred Jos. Dion	Northampton, Mass.	
	Richard Ernest Byrd	Milford	19	Edith May Davis	Manchester, N. H.	Earl A. Mack Clergyman Milford
	Cynthia Bryant	Amherst	18	Watson E. Byrd	Amherst	
Sept. 18, Milford	Robert Hayward	Amherst	34	Lura J. Maxwell	Littleton, Mass.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
	Lucile Ann Smith	Amherst	27	Robert P. Bryant	Worcester, Mass.	
Sept. 25, Amherst	Philip Warren Ackley	Nashua	33	Arvilla R. Fiske	Francesstown, N. H.	Denton J. Neely Clergyman Nashua
	Alice Maude Converse	Amherst	37	Harvey Lewis Young	Amherst	
Oct. 19, Milford	Chester Allen	Milford	19	Laura Susan James	Birmingham, Miss.	J. Wayne Haskell Clergyman Milford
	Frances Virginia Fowle	Amherst	18	Henry C. D. Smith	Middlebury, Vt.	
Oct. 29, Amherst	Harold George Lamburn	Sudbury, Mass.	27	Anna May Harvey	Weybridge, Vt.	
	Annie L. Taylor	Hudson, Mass.	23	Fred R. Ackley	Cutler, Maine	
Oct. 30, Amherst	Ernest Connell Cass	Peterboro	18	Lela Dennison	Cutler, Maine	
	Natalie Ann Weston	Amherst	76	Walter C. Converse	Nashua	
Nov. 4, Poultney, Vt.	Charles A. Tracy	Amherst	64	Effie M. Wentworth	Wilton, N. H.	
	Marguerite N. Clark	Middletown Springs, Vt.	27	Stanley W. Hayward	Milford	
Nov. 6, Amherst	Grant Eckfeldt	Groton, Mass.	19	Myrtle Hodgman	Chester, Vt.	
	Phyllis Jeanne Vincent	Fitchburg, Mass.	22	Lawrence Fowle	Chester, Vt.	
Nov. 19, Milford	Glendon E. Wiles	Amherst	18	Catherine Whitten	England	
	Edith M. Signor	Amherst	21	Arthur Lamburn	Switzerland	
Dec. 11, Milford	Merton Eugene Byrd	Milford	20	Josephine Iron	Portsmouth, Eng.	
	Mildred Mary Malone	Amherst	20	Alan Frederick Taylor	Nova Scotia	
				Annie Lavonia Coad	Brownington, Vt.	
				Burton Oscar Cass	Peterboro, N. H.	
				Mary Edna Connell	Amherst	
				Richard Wm. Weston	Wilton, N. H.	
				Cecile May Towne	Cornish, N. H.	
				Steven A. Tracy	Grafton, N. H.	
				Agnes Bailey	Arlington, Vt.	
				Arthur C. Norton	Nova Scotia	
				Lucy A. Randall	Fall River, Mass.	
				Thomas H. Eckfeldt	Groton, Mass.	
				Ruth Carter Grant	Westminster	
				Alfred N. Vincent	Lunenburg, Mass.	
				Dorothy Cass	Nova Scotia	
				Whitefield L. Wiles	Groton, Vt.	
				Mildred Emery	Bedford, N. H.	
				Perley M. Signor	Lewiston, Maine	
				Maizie P. Geddles	Amherst	
				Watson E. Byrd	Littleton, Mass.	
				Lura I. Maxwell	Cambridge, Mass.	
				Cyril Malone	Somersworth, N. H.	
				Mary Reilly		

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 3, Nashua	Sally Anne	Edward V. Comerford	Grace F. Farley	Barre, Mass.	Manchester, N. H.
Jan. 10, Nashua	Richard	Ernest C. Lowe, Jr.	Ida D. Johnson	Weston, Mass.	Quincy, Mass.
Jan. 16, Nashua	Gail	George W. Bontelle	Helen M. Orcutt	Amherst	E. Weymouth, Mass.
Jan. 18, Nashua	Kent Frank Edward	Leonard B. Randall	Helen E. Long	Suncook, N. H.	Mont Vernon, N. H.
Feb. 11, Nashua	Peter James	Charles F. Morgan	Marian E. Phillips	Wilnot, N. H.	Stewart, Florida
Feb. 22, Nashua	Warren Howard	Howard F. Parkhurst	Shirley Storm	Nashua, N. H.	Nashua, N. H.
Feb. 24, Goffstown	Robert Michael	Lionel J. Bradbury	Jeanette I. Elliott	Lawrence, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.
Mar. 3, Goffstown	Stanley Paul	Hernon W. Anderson	Lillian F. Aldrich	Durham, Maine	Hobart, N. Y.
Mar. 1, Nashua	Priscilla Jean	John R. Wilson	Barbara L. Thorn	Arlington, Mass.	Winchester, Mass.
Mar. 30, Winchester, Mass.					
Apr. 3, Nashua	Donald Francis	Kenneth M. Goodwin	Regina C. Keenan	Kennebunkport, Me.	Boston, Mass.
Apr. 13, Nashua	Paul William	Carl E. Doane	Dorothy S. Browne	Arlington, Mass.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Apr. 15, Nashua	Stephen Warner	Edward A. Curtis	Marian R. Pearo	Rochester, Vt.	Albany, Vermont
May 15, Nashua	Deborah	Ralph N. Marsh	Anne B. Carroll	Athol, Mass.	New York
June 18, Nashua	Carolyn June	Albert H. Junkins	Ruby Perkins	Amherst	Rochester, N. H.
July 2, Nashua	Edward Lewis	George E. Cluche	Eva Chandler	New Boston, N. H.	East Weare, N. H.
July 8, Nashua	Gretchen	Edwin F. Locke	June Harnden	Medford, Mass.	Blackstone, Mass.
July 10, Nashua	Deborah	Reginald S. Going	Hazel Murray	No. Rochester, N. H.	New London, N. H.
July 14, Nashua	John Alexander III	John A. Stewart II	Ileen Farrell	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Westboro, Mass.
July 26, Nashua	Carol Ella	Frank R. Philbrick	Eleanor Clucke	So. Weare, N. H.	New Boston, N. H.
Aug. 8, Nashua	Bradford	Raymond L. Roby	Shirley Hubley	Lawrence, Mass.	Amherst
Aug. 11, Nashua	Allen Paige	Robert P. Kullgren	Barbara Holt	Temple, N. H.	Amherst
Aug. 11, Peterboro	Robert Arthur	Keith A. Noble	Ruth F. Lane	Amherst	Keene, N. H.
Nov. 20, Nashua	Nancy Ruth	Arthur H. Todd	Beatrice Avery	Chester, Vt.	Wilton, N. H.
Dec. 2, Nashua	Bruce	Harold Eastman, Jr.	Joan Hunt	So. Lyndeboro, N. H.	Goffstown, N. H.
Dec. 3, Goffstown	Paul Leslie	Clarence H. Adams	Mabel Chamberlain	Reading, Mass.	Colebrook, N. H.
Dec. 18, Nashua	Harold Warren II	Harold W. Dilliver, Jr.	Patricia Russell	Beverly, Mass.	Washington, D. C.
Dec. 24, Nashua	Marilyn Gail	Glen P. Rackley	Marilyn L. Anderson	Flower Branch, Ga.	Hebron, Neb.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 6, Manchester	Christopher C. Tentlo		Charles F. Morgan	Marion E. Phillips	Wilnot, N. H.	Stewart, Florida
Feb. 12, Nashua	Peter James Morgan	89	18 Thomas M. Harvell	Mary E. Bidwell	Amherst	Lynn, Mass.
Mar. 2, Nashua	Jennie Harvell Bidwell	57	24 Edson C. Field	Agnes Plummer	Maine	Amherst
Mar. 29, Amherst	Arthur Edson Field	88	314 Hubsey Fisher	Julia Gray	Vermont	Vermont
June 17, Amherst	Lillian L. Bates	78	10 Henry Manning	Emily Brannan	Unknown	Unknown
June 20, Amherst	Rud D. Manning	78	23 William Heath	Diana Pierce	Unknown	Putney, Vt.
July 9, Amherst	Harry Eugene Heath	81	4 Philip Fay	Mary Martin	Ireland	Ireland
July 10, Amherst	Bridget Fay Clarkin	66	5 George F. Stevens	Laura G. Thompson	Wells, Me.	No. Berwick, Me.
July 19, Amherst	Bertha May Bragdon	43	26 Patrick F. Slamin	Elizabeth Hyland	Natick, Mass.	Ireland
July 20, Amherst	Alfred B. Moxer	73	8 Edwin C. Burdick	Anna Gray	Granville, N. Y.	Wilton, N. H.
Aug. 20, Amherst	Bertha B. Moxer	78	11 4 Wm. Murray Sayer	Helen Forlinier	Brooklyn, N. Y.	New York City
Sept. 3, Hartford, Vt.	Windrop Sayer	61	9 22 Victor Gouette	Helen Forlinier	Canada	Canada
Sept. 7, Godstown	Joseph Gouette	75	0 21 Olin Stevens	Leanne Marion	Wells, Vt.	Cornish, N. H.
Sept. 20, Amherst	Frederick O. Stevens	76	6 19 Charles B. Pinkham	Emma B. Gramin	Reading, Mass.	So. Lyndeboro, N. H.
Oct. 13, Amherst	Lula Frances Nelson	66	8 13 William Wilson	Mary Walker	Dartmouth, N. S.	Nova Scotia
Nov. 13, Amherst	Eva B. Lasky	51	6 23 Bailey Flagg	Elmer Webster	Unknown	Unknown
Nov. 22, Amherst	Lester S. Flagg	71	10 3 Timothy Sullivan	Hannah Sullivan	Ireland	Leviston, Me.
Dec. 6, Nashua	Timothy Sullivan	30	3 25 Charles Chamberlain	Lula Lovering	Stewartstown, N. H.	Stewartstown, N. H.
Dec. 8, Godstown	Madal Adams	62	4 22 Henry Towne	Rolinda Collins	New Boston, N. H.	Godstown, N. H.
Dec. 18, Amherst	Frederick C. Towne	65	9 11 Unknown	Unknown	Finland	Finland
Dec. 21, Amherst	Peter Sani					

BROUGHT FROM AWAY AND BURIED IN TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Cemetery
			Years	Months	Days	
1947						
Oct. 8,	Boston, Mass.	William O'Connell	65	10	8	St. Patrick's
1948						
Jan. 11,	Milford	Lucy C. M. Trow	81	11	29	Meadowview
Jan. 14,	Springfield,					
	Mass.	Madeline F. Taylor	49		3	Meadowview
Feb. 4,	Malden, Mass.	Alice I. Odell	75	6	19	Meadowview
Feb. 13,	Orlando, Fla.	Harry Howard Lynch				Meadowview
Mar. 8,	Goffstown	William Calnan	79	6	26	St. Patrick's
May 21,	Goffstown	Donald Bruce Curtis				Meadowview
July 5,	Milford	Catherine F. Moulton	72	8	13	St. Patrick's
July 11,	Worcester,					
	Mass.	Thomas Nola	68	6	18	St. Patrick's
Aug. 1,	Milford	Frederick L. Sprague	52	3	23	Meadowview
Aug. 15,	Concord	Anna C. Monson	79	4	9	Meadowview
Aug. 19,	Charlton,					
	Mass.	William A. Proctor	83	4	15	Meadowview
Sept. 18,	Boston	F. J. Crosby	81			St. Patrick's
Oct. 22,	Milford	Dominic Carboni	87	5	23	St. Patrick's
Oct. 29,	Boston	Margaret E. Nolan	35	11	27	St. Patrick's

Of the 36 deaths recorded, 8 were between 80 and 89, 10 between 70 and 79, 7 between 60 and 69, 3 between 50 and 59, and 6 under 50 years of age.

Vital Statistics of a town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on the Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.
Fiscal Year 1948-49

Town expenses continue to increase. Your committee has, as in the past carefully scrutinized each suggested item of expense. The needs of the town are such, however, that it seemed advisable to recommend few important reductions in the estimated budget. The importance of expenditures for progressive improvements was recognized, as well as the necessity for economy.

Your committee's task has been lighter this year, due to the very helpful information given by the Road Commissioners, as a result of the study made by them. Thanks is extended also to the town officers who cooperated with your committee.

Your committee recommends that estimated expenditures as presented by the various departments and listed in your town reports be accepted and that the town vote to raise and appropriate sums to provide for them with these exceptions:

1. That the estimate for Town Hall and Clock be reduced to \$925.00: this sum to be disbursed as follows:

Town Hall expenses	\$650.00
Care of Town Clock	25.00
Premium for recently acquired insurance on Town Hall building	250.00
2. That the estimate for town dumps maintenance be reduced to \$200.00.
3. That the estimate for Highway Department General Expenses be increased to \$1100.00.
The additional \$800.00 is recommended to cover reconditioning of the present grader. In the event that the town votes to raise and ap-

priate money to purchase a new grader, this \$800.00 to be applied against the cost of that purchase.

4. That the estimate for the Library be increased to \$1090.00 to cover the premium for recently acquired insurance.

In considering the estimate for snow removal, your committee recommends that a sufficient sum be raised and appropriated to:

Cover the deficit in snow removal account for the year 1947.

Cover the cost of snow removal from January 1, 1948 to March 1, 1948.

Cover the cost of putting up and taking down snow fence.

Cover the cost of needed additional posts and wire.

The \$7000.00 appearing in the budget for snow is subject to revision to an exact amount by the Highway Agent, at the time of the annual town meeting.

Your committee feels that it should bring to the attention of the town meeting the matter of insurance coverage on school buildings. We are informed that:

The replacement value of school build-

ings is	\$124,000.00
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Maximum coverage procurable	68,000.00
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Present coverage	17,000.00
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In the opinion of your committee, the present coverage is inadequate and should be increased immediately.

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Article 2. Your committee recommends that such sums of money be raised and appropriated as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Your committee recommends that the Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Your committee recommends that no discount be given for prepayment of taxes, since the in-

terest rate is less than the discount proposed in this article and such discounts are discriminatory.

Article 7. Your committee recommends that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$973.64 for T. R. A. and that this sum together with the state's contribution of \$3894.56 be expended by the Highway Department on town roads, as follows:

- (a) Patch Hill Road, approximately 5-10 mile from junction with Route 101.
- (b) Approximately 600 feet from Baboosic Road, at Barrett property.
- (c) Approximately 5-10 mile from the Ajam and Jameson residences in the direction of the Wanless property.
- (d) North Manchester (Horace Greeley) Road, approximately 5-10 mile.
- (e) Christian Hill lower road, approximately 5-10 mile.
- (f) Walnut Hill Road, approximately 4-10 mile, from Chisholm place past Pestana's.

Article 8. Your committee recommends that no appropriation be made for this purpose.

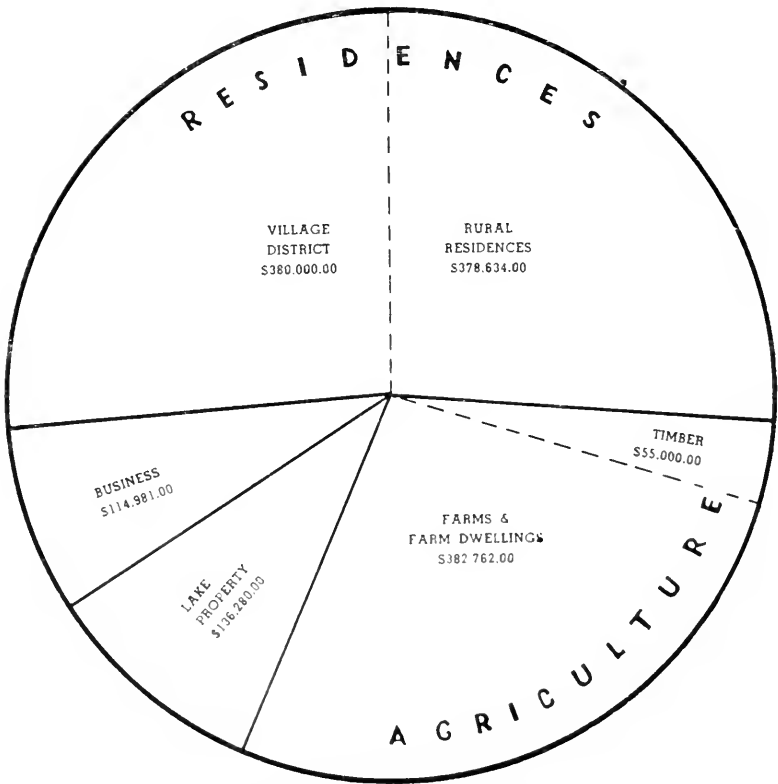
Article 9. A new grader of suitable type, with snow removal equipment, can be purchased for approximately \$12,600.00. For immediate delivery, the choice as between different makes is somewhat restricted.

* Machinery prices doubtless are at a peak. A considerable amount probably could be saved by delaying the purchase. (A machine of the type of the present grader, which cost \$3200 eight years ago, is now priced at \$5500.)

The depreciation on the \$12,600 equipment would be considerably more than on a machine of lower cost. For the first few years, this would be offset in part by a lesser repair and replacement cost than on the present grader. Also there is difficulty in obtaining parts for the present machine.

A new grader would do more satisfactory work than the present one. With snow removal equipment

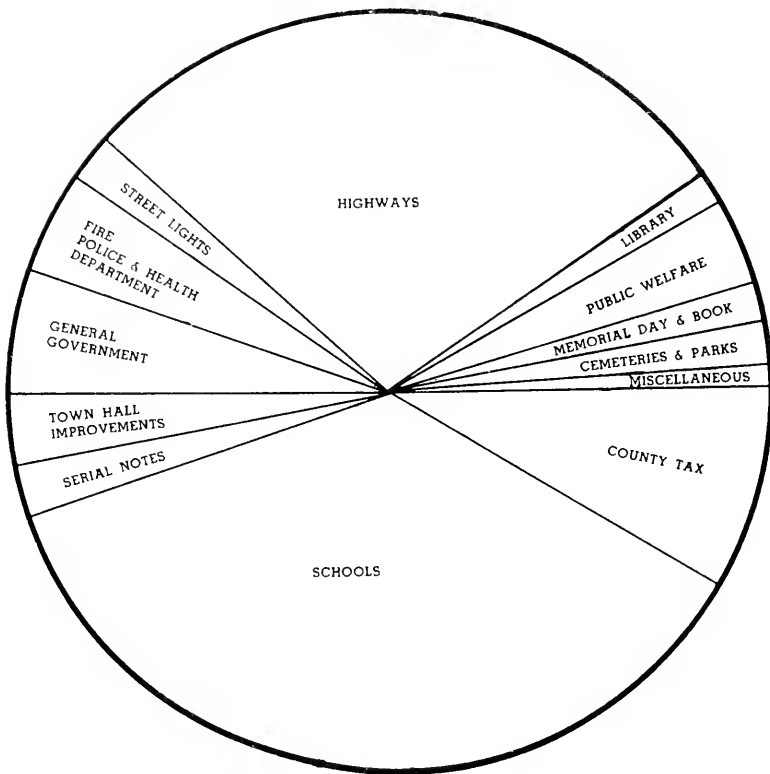
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it should save the town money in a winter such as the present one. Income from a new grader could be produced by letting it out. At the same time this would provide more continuous work for the grader operator.

There is at present \$1168.00 in the grader fund. Added to the estimated turn-in value of approximately \$700.00 for the present grader, this would reduce the cash outlay for the new equipment to approximately \$10,000, which could be financed by serial notes of \$2000 each over the next five years. At two percent, the average interest would be \$120 a year (\$200 the

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first year). In giving consideration to borrowing, it should be borne in mind it is likely to become necessary soon for the town to borrow a large amount for school purposes. Developments in economic conditions in the next few years might make interest payments burdensome.

The alternative to the purchase of a new grader is to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for a thorough reconditioning of the present grader. It probably could be put in condition to serve the town's needs until the price of new equipment is lower. Pre-

sumably the turn-in value would not be less in the highly competitive market likely at that time.

A new grader of suitable type would require enlarging the present storage space. Reconditioning the old grader would avoid that expense. It would avoid contracting a considerable debt at a time when the cost of other town needs is uncertain and when future economic conditions cannot be seen too clearly.

The \$800.00 necessary for reconditioning the present grader is provided for in the recommendation of your committee on the town budget, under the item of Highway Department, General Expense.

In view of the foregoing, your committee favors reconditioning the present grader rather than purchasing new equipment.

Article 10 Your committee recommends that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to be added to the fund toward the purchase and installation of a heating plant for the Town Hall Building.

Article 11. Your committee recommends that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373.00 for the purposes described in this article, but if favorable action is taken on article 23, it is recommended that the amount be reduced to the \$83.00 necessary to cover the deficit for 1947.

Article 12. Your committee recommends that the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2000.00 to make possible the immediate purchase and installation of a heating plant in the Town Hall Building; this amount to be financed by serial notes. A heating plant will be essential if favorable action is taken on Article 23.

Article 13. Your committee recommends that the town vote to install a street light on Foundry Street near the corner of Davis Lane beyond pole No. 134 and vote to raise and appropriate money for same.

Article 14. Your committee recommends that the

town vote to install a light on pole No. 136, on Davis Lane near Main Street and vote to raise and appropriate money for same.

Article 15. Your committee recommends that no money be raised nor appropriated under this article since work on the Patch Hill Road is provided for under Article 7.

Article 16. Your committee recommends that the town vote to accept as a right of way, a distance of 600 feet, beginning on the Baboosic Road at the Barrett property, and that no money be raised nor appropriated under this article, since work at this location is provided for under Article 7.

Article 17. Your committee recommends that no money be raised nor appropriated under this Article since work between the Ajam and Jameson residences and the Wanless property is provided for under Article 7.

Article 18. Your committee recommends that no money be raised nor appropriated under this Article, since work on the North Manchester (Horace Greeley) road is provided for under Article 7.

Article 19. Your committee recommends that no money be raised nor appropriated this year to oil and gravel the old Milford Road. We are informed that the grade at the west end of this road was graveled in 1946 and that it did not wash in 1947.

Article 20. Your committee recommends that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to construct a new bridge on the Charles Wright road which leads from Route No. 122.

Article 21. Your committee recommends that no money be raised nor appropriated under this Article, since work on the Christian Hill Lower Road is provided for under Article 7.

Article 22. Your committee has no conception of what meaning this cryptic sentence is intended to con-

vey and for that reason refrains from recommendation or further comment.

Article 23. Your committee recommends that if the town votes to permit the use of the auditorium in the Town Hall Building as a basketball court, it vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to make alterations necessary for the protection of the building.

Nets would be necessary for the protection of walls and windows. A reliable supplier quotes a price for nets, goals, etc. that, with the labor and fixtures necessary to install, are estimated to total \$300.00. The present lighting fixtures and the wiring for them would have to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$300.00. No estimate has been made as to cost of probable damage to the metal ceiling.

Your committee feels that it should be pointed out that there will be considerable expense for heating the auditorium for basketball practice as well as for games.

Article 24. Your committee feels that in view of the unavoidably high tax rate, money to finance a children's playground should be raised by other means.

Article 25. Your committee recommends that no money be raised nor appropriated to erect street signs. There appears to be no necessity for such signs in a village of this character.

Article 26. Your committee recommends that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 to cover the cost of two honor rolls.

Article 30. Your committee recommends that decision in the matter of profits from sale of World War Memorial Books be deferred until a future town meeting.

GEORGE B. HYDE, Chairman.
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY, Secretary.
ROBERT L. SMITH,
RAYMOND E. STIMSON,
RICHARD W. WESTON,
WILLIAM T. WHITTLE.

AMHERST FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

- 1 long Amherst Village
 - 2 All Out
 - 3 Brush Fire
 - 4 Ponemah
 - 5 Cricket Corner
 - 11 Converse Mill
 - 12 Baboosic Lake
 - 13 Manchester State Road
 - 14 Chestnut Hill
 - 15 Hubbard District
 - 21 Mont Vernon-New Boston Rd.
 - 22 Christian Hill
 - 23 The Acre
 - 31 Out of Town
 - 2 long No School 32 Legion Call 6 Boy Scouts
- In case of fire call Milford 172-W.